

ANNUAL REPORT

Town of Stratton, Vermont

Welcome

You came here from there because you didn't like there, and now you want to change here to be like there.

We are not racist, phobic or anti whatever-you-are, we simply like here the way it is and most of us actually came here because it is not like there, wherever there was.

You are welcome here, but please stop trying to make here like there. If you want here to be like there you should not have left there to come here, and you are invited to leave here and go back there at your earliest convenience.

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

In Memory

Ours hearts go out to family and friends of the Stratton resident,
whom we have learned passed away this previous year.

Edward Sieber, Jr.
(1949 – 2020)

Ed was a long-term resident of the Town and a Vietnam era Veteran, who resided on Old Forrester Rd.. He passed away on August 30, 2020.



On the Cover: The Vermont Constitution (Okay, we're joking, but certainly interesting prose, by an unknown author, promoting the preservation of old traditions - a philosophy which many of us believe will help retain Vermont as the special and unique place we all call home.)

DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINK

(Sorry, no Potluck Lunch this year)

DRESS WARMLY

(Town Hall windows will be opened for the duration of the meetings)

If you intend to attend,
Please read the enclosed COVID-19
Protocol Document so that you understand
how these meetings will be conducted.

RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS

Be sure to file your

**Homestead Declaration
and Property Tax Credit Claim
(HS-122 and HI-144)**

(see <https://tax.vermont.gov/property/tax-credit>)

by April 15, 2021

**Filing extensions
do not apply to these documents.**

**The penalty can be 8% or more
of your Property Tax Bill**

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COVID 19 Protocol / Voting Rules for the Town and School District Meetings of March 2, 2021

We expect this meeting to proceed rapidly to the issues at hand. Stratton is a Floor Vote Town, meaning that meetings are held in person and issues are voted from the floor. To retain this method during the COVID 19 Pandemic, the following procedure will be followed:

- 1) The meeting will be held at the Stratton Town Hall, 688 Strat.-Arl. Rd., in Stratton. The Hall will be thoroughly cleaned just prior to the meeting and all windows will be opened to allow for fresh air into the building. Hand Sanitizer and Wipes will be available for all attendees. Please refrain from using the restrooms.
- 2) We will attempt to provide a viewing of the meeting on ZOOM so that interested persons may access it remotely :
<https://zoom.us/j/7612562217> Meeting ID: 761 256 2217
If you do not wish to enter the building, but wish to attend and vote [if a paper ballot is required], we recommend attending on ZOOM in the parking lot (internet access should be available on the “Stratton Public” site).
- 3) If a paper ballot is required, registered voters attending the meeting in the Town Hall and those located in the parking lot of the Town Hall at the time ballots are collected will be allowed to vote.
- 4) Doors to the Town Hall will be opened for attendees no sooner than 15 minutes prior to the meeting. Maintain social distancing from other groups when entering the building and while inside the building.
- 5) All attendees entering the building must wear a face mask.
- 6) No tables will be provided. Chairs will be arranged for proper social distancing and can be organized so that family groups can remain close to one another, but distanced from other groups or individuals also in attendance.
- 7) Attendees should check in with the Clerk to be included on the voter check list. This will allow roll call to proceed quickly.
- 8) No refreshments – drinks, etc. will be allowed into the building or served.
- 9) The meeting is governed by the Moderator, who may apply or alter rules to ensure that a safe, sufficient and legally conducted meeting occurs.
- 10) No Campaigning or discussions in regard to potential persons interested in elected positions are allowed within the Town Hall during any part of the meeting preceding the elections of officers.
- 11) The Moderator will call the meeting to order promptly at 10:00am and the clerk will proceed with roll call.

- 12) During the elections of Town Officials, the meeting will proceed as follows: If you intend to nominate someone, please ensure you are in the Town Hall to do so. If only one person is nominated per position, the Moderator will proceed accordingly to close nominations and secure the position for the nominee; however, if multiple nominations are made, then the vote will proceed to a paper ballot. The Clerk will already have appointed two BCA members to collect ballots. Once the nominees are known, indicate your choice for the position on the paper ballot provided. **PLEASE STAY AT YOUR SEAT!** The BCA members will walk the ballot box around to collect all voted ballots. For registered voters who decided to remain outside the building or in their vehicle in the parking lot, assigned BCA members will ensure those persons are checked off the Voter Checklist and then also collect their ballots – make sure they know that you intend to vote. Each voter must deposit their own vote into the ballot box. The Clerk will at this time tally the number of voters participating in the election and the count will proceed.

[To win an election, a nominee must have a majority of votes. In the event of three or more nominations, after three consecutive votes, if no one receives a majority of the votes, then the candidate with the lowest number of votes will be removed from the ballot and another round begins, removing the nominee with the least votes after each subsequent round until someone receives a majority.]

Should the above scenario play out, each round of voting will be carried out in the same manner as described above.

- 13) Once all positions have been filled, the Moderator will quickly move to the following articles and conclude the meeting as rapidly as possible.
- 14) Upon Adjournment of the Town Meeting the Moderator will call the School District Meeting to order and that meeting will proceed in the same manner as given above.
- 15) Once the Meetings have concluded, all attendees should exit the Town Hall immediately while maintaining social distancing guidelines. *Newly elected individuals must take their oaths of office before assuming their duties – See the Town Clerk for your oaths.*

Thank you all in advance for following these rules and guidelines.

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January 4, 2021

Selectboard
School Board
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

We have audited the financial statements of the Town of Stratton, Vermont and the Stratton Town School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020.

The financial statements and our reports thereon will be available for public inspection at the Town office.

Sullivan, Powers & Company

ELECTED POSITIONS**NAME****TERM EXPIRES**

Moderator:	Diana Stugger	2021
Town Clerk:	Kent Young	2023
Treasurer:	Alyson Marcucci	2023
Selectboard:	Al Dupell, Chair	2021
	Larry Bills	2021
	Chris Liller	2022
	Greg Marcucci	2023
	Kevin Robinson	2021
Planning Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Ray Hawksley	2021
	George Rigoulot	2021
	Rob Wadsworth	2021
	Chris Mann	2022
Listers:	Kent Young, Chair	2021
	Candie Bernard	2022
	Elizabeth Liller	2023
School Directors:	Tom Montemagni, Chair	2021
	Lorraine Weeks Newell*	2023
	Allison Young	2022
	Melissa Walker**	2021
	Kellie D'Elia-Laskin**	2021
Cemetery Commission:	Kent Young, Chair	2023
	Chris Liller	2021
	Larry Bills	2022
Delinquent Tax Collector:	Candie Bernard	2021
Trustee of Public Funds:	Alyson Marcucci	2021
Constable:	Boomer Walker	2021
Grand Juror***:	John Waite	2021
Town Agent:	John Waite	2021
Justices of the Peace****:	Patricia Coolidge	Feb. 1, 2023
	Helen Eddy	Feb. 1, 2023
	Nancy Ferrucci	Feb. 1, 2023
	Lorraine Weeks-Newell	Feb. 1, 2023
	Vacant*****	Feb. 1, 2023

APPOINTED/HIRED POSITIONS:

Assistant Town Clerks:	Candie Bernard	
Assistant Town Treasurer:	Candie Bernard	
Zoning Administrator:	Ray Hawksley	2023
Asst. Zoning Administrator	Chris Mann	2023
Health Officer	Ray Hawksley	2023
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Dennis Holton	2022

	Diana Stigger	2022
	Paul Bernard	2023
	Tom Montemagni	2021
	Greg Marcucci	2021
Emergency Mgt Coordinator	George Rigoulot	
Fire Warden:	Kevin Robinson	
Dog Warden:	Pat Salo	
Pound Keeper:	Pat Salo	
Fence Viewer:	Selectmen	
Weigher of Coal:	Selectmen	
Inspector of Lumber:	Selectmen	
Tree Warden:	Selectmen	
Board of Civil Authority:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Selectmen	
Board of Abatement:	Justices of the Peace, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Selectmen	
Deerfield Valley Communications		
Union District Rep.	Betsy Wadsworth	
Union District Alt. Rep.	Candie Bernard	
Union District Alt. Rep.	Alyson Peterson	
Road Foreman:	Chris Liller	
Road Crew:	Stuart Chapin	
	Grayson Peterson (part time)	
Transfer Station Attendant:	Scott Marquis	
Asst. Transfer Station Attendants:	Gerry Cloutier	
	Dan Gilbeau	
Windham Solid Waste		
Management Dist. Rep.	Kent Young	

- * Lorraine Weeks-Newell has submitted her resignation from the School Board, effective March 2, 2021.
- ** Two new one-year School Director positions were created and filled in October 2020.
- *** The position of Grand Juror has been eliminated by Vermont Statute.
- **** Justices of the Peace are elected during the General Election held in November of even years.
- ***** Robert Lahue was elected JP at the General Election of 2020; however, he moved from Town and, therefore, had to resign. Residents interested in the position should contact the Town Clerk.

Incompatible Offices. There are a number of statutes that regulate whether a public official may hold more than one office. This chart provides an easy reference to assist you in determining whether two offices are incompatible to hold.

CHART OF INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES

Can a Person Hold Both of These Offices?	Auditor	Selectperson	School Director	Town Manager	Town Treasurer	Election Official & Candidate (Australian Ballot)	Election Official & Candidate (Not Australian Ballot)	School District Employee ¹	Spouse
Auditor	—	No	No	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	3
Selectperson	No	—	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	
School Director	No	Yes	—	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	No	
Town Manager	No	No	No	—	No	No	No	Yes	
Town Treasurer	No	No	No	No	—	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Assistant Town Clerk	No	Yes	Yes	No	Depends ²	N/A	N/A	Yes	
Town Agent	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
First Constable	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Road Commissioner	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Cemetery Commissioner	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Trustee of Public Funds	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Lister	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Assessor	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Tax Collector, Current	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Tax Collector, Delinquent	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Trustee of Public Funds	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No, If Opposed	No	Yes	
Grand Juror	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Inspector of Elections	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Justice of the Peace	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	

¹ Within same supervisory union.
² See 24 V.S.A. § 1622.
³ A spouse of a town clerk, town treasurer, selectperson, trustee of public funds, town manager, water commissioner, sewer system commissioner, sewer disposal commissioner, first constable, road commissioner, collector of current or delinquent taxes, or town district school director, or any person who assists any of these officers may not be an auditor. 17 V.S.A. § 2647.

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 10:00AM to act upon the following matters of the Town.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

ARTICLE 3: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Selectmen:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Planning Commission:	one three-year term, two one-year terms
Lister:	one three-year term
Cemetery Commissioner:	one three-year term
Delinquent Tax Collector:	one one-year term
Trustee of Public Funds:	one one-year term
Constable:	one one-year term
Town Agent:	one one-year term

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:

American Red Cross	500.00
Big Heavy World	250.00
Community Food Pantry	500.00
Deerfield Valley Rescue	2,000.00
Grace Cottage Foundation	7,000.00
Green Up Vermont	50.00
Groundworks Collaborative	500.00
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Joann Liller Scholarship Fund	500.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	2,500.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	750.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Family Network	250.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00
Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5,735.00

Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,500.00
<u>Women's Freedom Center</u>	<u>750.00</u>
TOTAL	\$37,818.00

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$65,550.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget.

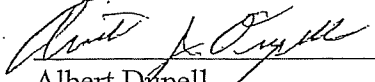
ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$907,769.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).


ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$837,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022).

ARTICLE 11: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Stratton Board of Selectmen

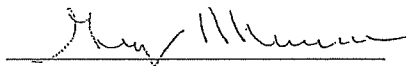


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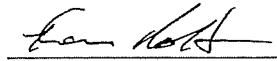


 Chris Liller

 Larry Bills



 Greg Marcucci



 Kevin Robinson

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
General Fund Revenues								
100-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		606,291.77		323,004.53			after transfers to School, State of VT, Highway Fund, etc
100-2004-00.00	Current Use		3,591.00		6,818.00			
100-2005-00.00	Delinquent Taxes		94,205.43		126,870.95			
100-2006-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Interest		23,475.29		32,293.75			
100-2007-00.00	Delinquent Taxes Penalty		19,236.31		20,826.90			
100-2016-00.00	Tax Sale Redemption Proceeds		-		5,940.04			
100-2100-00.00	Zoning/Building Permits		2,525.75		2,835.50			
100-2105-00.00	911 Fees		210.00		35.00			
100-2200-00.00	Sales/Meals Option Tax		480,285.25		430,134.09			
100-2200-50.00	Appraisal Revenue		15,266.50		15,266.50			
100-2250-00.00	PILT Revenue		37,656.00		39,045.00			
100-2400-00.00	Interest-Checking		438.73		459.43			transferred to School District each year
100-2401-00.00	Interest-Savings		386.98		357.60			
100-2500-00.00	Clerk's Fees		25,323.78		35,782.85			
100-2505-00.00	Sales - Town History		198.00		160.00			
100-2510-00.00	Dog Licenses		616.00		703.00			
100-2515-00.00	Marriage/Civil Union Licenses		780.00		660.00			
100-2520-00.00	Beverage Licenses		1,335.00		1,290.00			
100-2600-00.00	Traffic Fines		4,443.11		886.50			
100-2700-00.00	Town Hall Revenue		50.00		-			
100-2750-00.00	Local Share of State Education Tax		28,263.54		29,362.47			
100-2825-00.00	Pay As You Throw Revenue		6,655.50		6,547.00			
100-2900-50.00	Cemetery Revenue		350.00		-			
100-2999-00.00	Miscellaneous Revenue		52.27		9.76			
Total Receipts			1,351,636.21		1,079,288.87			
Account Description								
Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
Salaries								
100-3000-09.01	Salaries - Selectmen	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	
100-3000-09.02	Salaries - Zoning Administrator	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,600.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.03	Salaries - Planning Chair	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-09.04	Salaries - Fire Warden	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	
100-3000-09.05	Salaries - ZBA Chair	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-09.06	Salaries - Health Officer	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-09.07	Salaries - Planning Board	1,200.00	1,000.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	
	Sub-Total Salaries	16,000.00	15,200.00	15,600.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Wages								
100-3000-10.01	Wages - Selectmen	7,000.00	5,100.00	7,000.00	5,600.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	
100-3000-10.02	Wages - Town Clerk	52,800.00	56,238.10	58,000.00	58,982.58	59,500.00	66,000.00	
100-3000-10.03	Wages - Assistant Town Clerk	3,000.00	2,922.29	3,000.00	1,923.76	3,600.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.04	Wages - Treasurer	51,300.00	50,903.65	53,000.00	54,843.11	56,000.00	59,000.00	
100-3000-10.05	Wages - Assistant Treasurer	900.00	455.77	1,000.00	332.16	900.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-10.06	Wages - Selectmen's Clerk	1,500.00	1,878.20	1,500.00	1,203.08	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-10.08	Wages - Listers	41,000.00	34,795.45	33,000.00	37,630.28	37,000.00	38,500.00	
100-3000-10.09	Wages - Auditors	2,000.00	710.40	1,500.00	426.80	-	-	
100-3000-10.10	Wages - Planning	5,000.00	550.00	3,500.00	250.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-10.12	Wages - Election Officials	-	553.17	-	-	-	-	
100-3000-10.14	Wages - Zoning Board of Adjustment	1,000.00	700.00	1,000.00	450.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-10.17	Wages - Delinquent Tax Collector	4,000.00	8,599.32	14,000.00	11,148.12	14,800.00	15,500.00	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
100-3000-10.19	Wages - BCA/IPs	3,000.00	200.00	3,000.00	1,400.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	Wages - Transfer Station Attendant	-	-	-	-	-	31,000.00	previously included in Transfer Station Operations
	Sub-Total Wages	172,500.00	163,610.35	179,500.00	174,189.89	187,800.00	232,000.00	
	General Expenses							
100-3000-15.00	FICA	16,000.00	16,986.93	16,000.00	17,563.40	19,000.00	19,000.00	
100-3000-20.00	Office Supplies	7,000.00	7,006.23	7,000.00	5,886.40	7,500.00	7,500.00	
100-3000-38.00	Office Equipment	-	1,048.00	2,000.00	2,356.25	2,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3000-40.00	Dues	1,252.00	1,252.00	1,279.00	1,279.00	1,330.00	1,330.00	
100-3000-48.00	Insurance - Unemployment	1,000.00	160.00	1,000.00	100.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
100-3000-48.01	Insurance - Liability, Bonding, Workers Comp	50,000.00	40,684.00	45,000.00	46,166.00	45,000.00	45,000.00	
100-3000-48.02	Insurance - Health & Dental	53,000.00	43,967.03	60,000.00	75,110.05	64,000.00	75,000.00	
100-3000-51.00	Legal Fees	1,500.00	1,369.00	1,500.00	1,659.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3000-61.04	Legal Fees - Tax Sale	-	(33.75)	-	462.50	-	1,000.00	
100-3000-69.00	Animal Control Expense	3,500.00	3,078.65	3,500.00	3,304.33	3,500.00	3,500.00	
100-3000-76.02	Street Lights	2,000.00	1,504.88	2,000.00	1,628.39	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3000-93.00	911 House Numbering	100.00	-	100.00	201.72	100.00	200.00	
100-3000-94.00	Appraisal/Reappraisal	-	5,485.00	-	26,728.76	-	10,000.00	not raised through taxes in non reappraisal years
100-3000-97.00	Training/Seminars	500.00	120.00	500.00	30.00	500.00	500.00	
100-3000-99.00	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	70.73	1,500.00	671.37	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3000-99.02	Tax Sale Bid	-	51,775.22	-	-	-	-	
100-3002-00.00	PILT Transfer to School District	-	37,656.00	-	39,045.00	-	-	not raised through taxes
	Sub-Total General Expenses	137,352.00	212,129.92	141,379.00	222,192.17	148,930.00	172,030.00	
100-3100-00.00	Selectmen Expense	500.00	131.03	500.00	99.96	500.00	500.00	
100-3200-00.00	Lister Expense	-	752.75	-	857.00	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-3300-00.01	Town Report Expense	2,000.00	937.07	2,000.00	961.45	2,000.00	2,000.00	
100-3300-95.00	Outside Audit Expense	15,000.00	11,027.00	-	9,183.00	3,500.00	8,000.00	FY20 expense covered by Reserve Account
100-3400-34.00	Town Clerk Expense	3,000.00	2,009.33	1,500.00	80.95	1,500.00	1,500.00	
100-3400-35.00	Land Records Preservation	-	-	1,500.00	-	8,000.00	12,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-3400-54.00	Copier Expense	6,000.00	4,448.71	6,000.00	3,620.38	5,150.00	5,000.00	
100-3500-00.00	Treasurer Expense	3,500.00	852.38	3,500.00	1,229.61	3,500.00	2,000.00	
100-3500-00.01	Bank Reconciliation Expense	-	1,125.00	-	1,475.00	-	1,500.00	
100-3600-00.00	Planning Expense	5,000.00	483.00	5,000.00	536.60	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3650-00.00	Zoning Expense	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Town Hall Expenses							
100-3700-66.00	Town Hall Repairs/Maintenance	-	13,635.04	-	3,852.93	-	-	FY22 expense will be covered by Reserve Account
100-3700-76.00	Town Hall Fuel/Heat	2,000.00	2,539.31	2,500.00	2,012.09	2,600.00	2,500.00	
100-3700-76.01	Town Hall Electricity	1,600.00	1,384.95	1,600.00	1,348.75	1,600.00	1,600.00	
	Sub-Total Town Hall Expenses	3,600.00	17,559.30	4,100.00	7,213.77	4,200.00	4,100.00	
100-3770-68.00	Cemeteries Expense	4,500.00	4,639.40	4,500.00	2,711.66	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3780-68.00	Meetinghouse Expense	-	-	-	-	-	-	

General Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
	Town Office Expenses							
100-3800-34.00	Town Office Telephone	3,500.00	2,752.39	3,500.00	2,024.14	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-3800-68.00	Town Office Repairs/Maintenance	12,000.00	13,805.38	12,000.00	15,222.75	17,000.00	17,000.00	
100-3800-76.00	Town Office Fuel/Heat	3,000.00	3,837.84	3,500.00	2,103.41	4,000.00	4,000.00	
100-3800-76.01	Town Office Electricity	2,500.00	2,351.93	2,500.00	2,266.32	2,500.00	2,500.00	
	Sub-Total Town Office Expenses	21,000.00	22,747.54	21,500.00	21,616.62	26,500.00	26,500.00	
100-3900-00.00	Election Expense	1,000.00	105.36	500.00	-	1,000.00	50.00	
100-4000-00.00	Marriage License Expense	-	550.00	-	650.00	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-4100-00.00	Police Patrol	47,000.00	27,220.80	-	-	-	-	
100-4100-00.02	Rescue Services	6,184.08	6,184.08	6,246.72	6,246.72	6,309.36	6,372.00	
100-4100-00.03	Mutual Aid Expense	38,810.00	38,810.00	39,897.00	39,897.00	41,094.00	43,149.00	
100-4200-00.00	Dog License Expense	-	406.79	-	291.09	-	-	not raised through taxes
100-5000-00.00	Town Functions	3,000.00	1,810.01	3,000.00	1,900.47	3,000.00	3,000.00	
100-5500-00.00	Transfer Station Operations	40,000.00	49,974.14	45,000.00	56,616.95	55,000.00	30,000.00	
100-6000-00.02	Rec Area Rent	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	
100-6000-00.03	Rec Area Labor/Maintenance	20,000.00	18,443.39	20,000.00	10,151.02	20,000.00	20,000.00	
100-6000-00.12	Rec Area Pavilion	5,000.00	-	-	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
100-6000-00.25	Old Town Common Purchase	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	-	-	-	
100-9000-00.01	Fire Truck Payments	141,212.31	141,212.31	56,813.93	56,813.93	56,813.93	-	
100-9300-00.00	County Tax	65,000.00	59,926.00	65,000.00	71,047.00	73,874.00	75,000.00	
100-9700-00.00	VT Retirement	18,000.00	9,863.66	12,000.00	10,734.54	11,000.00	12,500.00	
100-9800-00.00	Green Up Day	200.00	94.36	200.00	102.86	200.00	200.00	
100-9900-00.00	Total Appropriations	103,708.00	103,708.00	95,983.00	95,983.00	94,812.39	103,368.00	
	Total Expenditures	1,200,066.39	1,235,961.68	852,219.65	931,402.64	901,683.68	907,769.00	
	Net Change in Fund Balance		115,674.53		147,886.23			

STATEMENT OF SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

	Balance 7/1/2019	Interest	Deposits	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2020
Outside Audit	15,615.48	21.24	-	(9,183.00)	6,453.72
Rec Equipment	20,796.44	28.28	-	-	20,824.72
Rec Pavillion	70,462.11	95.83	-	-	70,557.94
State Reappraisal	107,578.31	146.31	-	(12,319.26)	95,405.36
Computer/Office Equipment	838.85	1.14	-	(356.25)	483.74
Land Records Preservation	-	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Meeting House/Church	4,789.71	6.51	-	-	4,796.22
Town Hall	28,417.06	38.65	-	(3,852.93)	24,602.78
School House	11,508.98	15.66	-	-	11,524.64
Lister Education	2,934.72	3.99	-	-	2,938.71
Bridge Funds	117,959.59	160.42	-	(6,000.00)	112,120.01
Culverts	51,958.26	70.66	-	(10,083.82)	41,945.10
Paving	56,746.82	77.17	93,861.62	-	150,685.61
Equipment Replacement	103,767.95	141.12	69,357.01	-	173,266.08
Totals	593,374.28	806.98	164,718.63	(41,795.26)	717,104.63

STATEMENT OF CEMETERY TRUST ACCOUNTS
JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020

	Balance 7/1/2019	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 6/30/2020
Willis	300.00	-	-	300.00
Andrew King	3,000.00	-	-	3,000.00
Chester Allen	75.00	-	-	75.00
Forrester	280.00	-	-	280.00
Ball Farm	200.00	-	-	200.00
Pike Hollow	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00
Warren Trust	1,405.37	13.51	-	1,418.88
Totals	6,260.37	13.51	-	6,273.88

**Town of Stratton
Tax Reconciliation
June 30, 2020**

Beginning Delinquents (6/30/2019)	95,656.19
Total 2019 Tax Billings	14,079,146.29
Taxes sent to Stratton School District	(1,005,387.00)
Taxes transferred to Highway Fund	(621,000.00)
Taxes sent to State of Vermont	(11,988,375.53)
State Payments	(66,244.00)
Late Fee Retained by Town	60.00
Local Share of State Education Taxes	(29,362.47)
Current Taxes	(323,004.53)
Delinquent Taxes Collected	(90,204.81)
Abatements	(25.34)
Total	51,258.80
Total Per Delinquent List (6/30/2020)	51,258.80
Difference	(0.00)

Breakdown 2019 Taxes Billed	Tax Rate	Total Raised
Non Residential Ed.	1.6756	12,460,180.48
Homestead Ed.	1.9020	640,367.21
Local Agreement	0.0002	1,598.99
Highway	0.0777	621,192.69
General Fund	0.0431	344,573.76
		14,067,913.13
Late Homestead Penalty		11,233.16
2019 Total Taxes Billed		14,079,146.29

DELINQUENT TAXES
Year Ending June 30, 2019

Abato, Ken & Christopher Sharpe*	2019	683.64
Buckridge Ski Club*	2019	25.17
Capes, III Charles W	2019	514.76
Collins, David A*	2019	51.17
Compton, John Tim	2019	544.89
Downtown Special Situations Holdings LLC*	2019	10,459.67
E & T Properties LLC *	2019	15,119.89
Elliott ETAL *	2019	5,033.86
McCann, Patrice*	2019	1,266.82
Mountain Reach # 4 LLC*	2019	11,225.16
Pisano, Vincent J & Lissa Roth*	2019	7,632.61
Pritchard, Margaret B*	2019	1,923.49
Sasco Farms Vermont LLC	2019	14.42
Schultz Roger Estate of & Arloa*	2019	1,112.55
Sieber Edward & Patricia Estate of*	2019	2,557.18
Smalley, Alexander Estate of*	2019	416.87
Thomson, John B JR*	2019	42.20
Tomac Limited Partnership*	2019	38.68
		58,663.03

* Paid after June 30, 2020
Amount includes Penalty & Interest

**2010 Pierce Arrow-XL Aerial Platform Fire Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule**

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	5/14/2015	84,398.38	10,418.04	73,980.34
PD	2	5/14/2016	84,398.38	8,442.77	75,955.61
PD	3	5/16/2017	84,398.38	6,414.75	77,983.63
PD	4	5/14/2018	84,398.38	4,332.59	80,065.79
PD	5	5/14/2019	84,398.38	2,194.84	82,203.54
Totals			421,991.90	31,802.99	390,188.91

**2014 Pierce Pumper Truck
Lease Repayment Schedule**

	Payment #	Payment Date	Payment Amount	Interest Amount	Principal Amount
PD	1	9/29/2014	56,813.93	3,687.91	53,126.02
PD	2	9/29/2015	56,813.93	9,205.43	47,608.50
PD	3	9/29/2016	56,813.93	7,781.93	49,032.00
PD	4	9/29/2017	56,813.93	6,315.88	50,498.05
PD	5	9/29/2018	56,813.93	4,805.99	52,007.94
PD	6	9/29/2019	56,813.93	3,250.95	53,562.98
PD	7	9/29/2020	56,813.93	1,649.42	55,164.51
Totals			397,697.51	36,697.51	361,000.00

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
Highway Fund Revenues								
200-2000-00.00	Current Taxes		592,700.00		621,000.00			
200-2001-00.01	Equipment Sale Revenue				4,500.00			
200-2005-00.00	Savings Interest		774.90		449.38			
200-2010-00.01	State Aid - Class 2		68,488.94		70,264.35			
200-2010-00.02	State Aid - Class 3		17,636.56		18,101.83			
200-2400-00-03	Grant Funds		147,401.37		65,697.20			
200-2959-00.05	Insurance Proceeds		1,000.00					
	Total Receipts		828,001.77		780,012.76			
Account Description								
200-5010-00.00	Employee Leave	28,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	
200-5010-10.02	Employee Leave - Stuart	-	7,545.10	-	7,525.78	-	-	
200-5010-10.03	Employee Leave - Ralph	-	4,125.87	-	-	-	-	
200-5010-10.05	Employee Leave - Chris	-	6,103.86	-	6,711.92	-	-	
200-5010-10.07	Employee Leave - Grayson	-	1,577.60	-	2,470.83	-	-	
200-5010-10.09	COVID 19 Leave	-	-	-	801.61	-	-	
	Sub-Total Employee Leave	28,000.00	19,352.43	20,000.00	17,510.14	20,000.00	20,000.00	
200-5010-20.00	Health & Dental Expense	45,000.00	17,832.46	35,000.00	29,897.32	31,000.00	35,000.00	
200-5010-30.01	VT Retirement	-	8,299.21	6,000.00	7,675.46	8,000.00	9,000.00	
200-5100-15.00	Highway FICA	13,000.00	11,642.56	11,000.00	10,713.29	13,000.00	13,000.00	
200-5110-00.00	Summer Roads - CL2	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	40,000.00	
200-5110-10.00	Labor - S2	-	17,946.98	-	19,096.79	-	-	
200-5110-20.00	Materials - S2	-	2,490.40	-	5,895.98	-	-	
200-5110-24.00	Hired Equipment - S2	-	400.00	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL2	50,000.00	20,837.38	50,000.00	24,992.77	50,000.00	40,000.00	
200-5111-10.00	Summer Roads - CL3	95,000.00	83.32	80,000.00	-	70,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5111-10.00	Labor - S3	-	35,132.62	-	28,677.26	-	-	
200-5111-20.00	Materials - S3	-	30,479.62	-	21,262.73	-	-	
200-5111-24.00	Hired Equipment - S3	-	15,050.00	-	10,440.00	-	-	
	Sub-Total Summer Roads - CL3	95,000.00	80,745.56	80,000.00	60,379.99	70,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5113-00.00	Retreatment - Paving	165,000.00	353,048.63	210,000.00	116,138.38	110,000.00	60,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
200-5114-00.00	Crack Sealing	15,000.00	-	20,000.00	-	20,000.00	20,000.00	
200-5140-00.00	Winter Roads - CL2	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	-	100,000.00	100,000.00	
200-5140-10.00	Labor - W2	-	22,904.58	-	20,739.06	-	-	
200-5140-20.00	Materials - W2	-	77,262.99	-	78,930.73	-	-	
200-5140-24.00	Hired Equipment - W2	-	200.00	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Winter Roads CL2	100,000.00	100,367.57	100,000.00	99,669.79	100,000.00	100,000.00	
200-5141-00.00	Winter Roads - CL3	70,000.00	4,755.20	80,000.00	-	80,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5141-10.00	Labor - W3	-	21,719.51	-	19,011.61	-	-	
200-5141-20.00	Materials - W3	-	60,187.00	-	59,120.48	-	-	
	Sub-Total Winter Roads CL3	70,000.00	86,661.71	80,000.00	78,132.09	80,000.00	80,000.00	
200-5150-00.00	Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	-	25,000.00	25,000.00	
200-5150-10.00	Labor - Brush & Mowing	-	5,809.13	-	12,048.89	-	-	

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
200-5150-24.00	Hired Equipment - Brush & Mowing	25,000.00	5,340.00	-	12,407.00	-	25,000.00	
	Sub-Total Brush & Mowing		11,149.13	25,000.00	24,455.89	25,000.00		
200-5280-00.00	Road Signs	2,000.00	1,782.96	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5280-10.00	Labor - Road Signs	-	301.60	-	20.59	-	-	
200-5280-20.00	Materials - Road Signs	2,000.00	2,084.56	1,000.00	1,346.32	1,000.00	1,000.00	
	Sub-Total Road Signs							
200-5282-40.00	Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	-	-	-	50,000.00	-	
200-5282-50.00	Labor - Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	-	-	-	-	-	
200-5282-70.00	Hired Equipment - Little Kidderbrook Culvert	-	-	-	6,000.00	-	-	
	Sub-Total Little Kidderbrook Culvert				6,000.00	50,000.00		
200-5283-00.00	Culverts	20,000.00	706.35	10,000.00	3,108.00	-	30,000.00	see associated Reserve Account
200-5283-10.00	Labor - Culverts	-	-	-	1,461.10	-	-	
200-5283-20.00	Material - Culverts	-	7,671.89	-	2,874.72	-	-	
200-5283-24.00	Hired Equipment - Culverts	-	-	-	12,640.00	-	-	
	Sub-Total Culverts	20,000.00	8,378.24	10,000.00	20,083.82	-	30,000.00	
200-5287-00.00	Salt/Sand Shed	-	-	-	12,784.82	12,000.00	-	
200-5287-10.00	Labor - Salt/Sand Shed	-	-	-	348.26	-	-	
	Sub-Total Salt/Sand Shed				13,133.08	12,000.00		
200-5305-00.00	Seminars	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5305-10.00	Labor - Seminars	-	884.84	-	174.13	-	-	
	Sub-Total Seminars	1,000.00	884.84	1,000.00	174.13	1,000.00	1,000.00	
200-5310-00.00	Garage Maintenance/Supplies	30,000.00	39,804.37	30,000.00	23,137.07	40,000.00	40,000.00	
200-5310-10.00	Labor - Garage Maintenance	-	13,926.07	-	9,217.96	-	-	
200-5310-24.00	Hired Equipment - Garage Maintenance	-	-	-	2,425.00	-	-	
200-5310-25.00	Utilities - Garage Maintenance	19,000.00	17,915.57	19,000.00	16,089.63	19,000.00	19,000.00	
	Sub-Total Garage Maintenance	49,000.00	65,645.01	49,000.00	50,869.66	59,000.00	59,000.00	
200-5311-00.00	Tools	5,000.00	1,233.38	1,000.00	1,201.44	1,500.00	1,500.00	
200-5312-00.00	Fuel, Grease & Oil	28,000.00	28,088.52	28,000.00	13,173.62	28,000.00	28,000.00	
200-5330-00.00	Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	-	50,000.00	-	60,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5330-00.01	T1 - 2014 International	-	502.40	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.04	Cat Backhoe	-	473.69	-	-	-	-	
200-5330-00.05	Grader	-	13,316.33	-	3,856.54	-	-	
200-5330-00.07	Chipper	-	160.62	-	449.00	-	-	
200-5330-00.13	2011 John Deere Loader	-	9,139.68	-	2,832.97	-	-	
200-5330-00.15	Saws	-	775.02	-	1,282.51	-	-	
200-5330-00.20	T5 - 2014 Western Star	-	9,089.74	-	12,175.09	-	-	
200-5330-00.21	2016 Ford F550	-	16,642.37	-	8,040.61	-	-	
200-5330-00.22	2016 John Deere Backhoe	-	582.05	-	1,384.91	-	-	
200-5330-00.23	T1 - 2019 Western Star	-	5,955.99	-	5,933.58	-	-	
200-5330-00.24	2020 Ford F550	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Sub-Total Equipment/Truck Maintenance Expense	50,000.00	56,637.89	50,000.00	35,955.21	60,000.00	50,000.00	
200-5340-00.00	Administrative	3,000.00	6,149.23	4,000.00	5,361.91	4,000.00	5,000.00	
200-5350-00.01	New Equipment Purchase	110,000.00	121,511.00	120,000.00	50,642.99	120,000.00	175,000.00	see associated Reserve Account

Highway Fund Statement and Proposed Budget

Account Number	Account Description	BUDGET 2018-2019	ACTUAL 2018-2019	BUDGET 2019-2020	ACTUAL 2019-2020	BUDGET 2020-2021	BUDGET 2021-2022	Explanation/Notes
200-6100-00.00	Highway Uniforms	4,200.00	7,018.87	5,000.00	5,703.21	3,000.00	3,000.00	
200-6200-00.00	Advertised Bids - Highway	-	-	-	74.70	-	-	
200-9900-00.00	Fire Ponds	-	-	-	1,558.58	-	-	
200-9959-00.00	Highway Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	5,445.83	1,000.00	659.35	2,000.00	2,000.00	
200-9999-10.00	Labor - Highway Miscellaneous Expense		965.63	-	855.80	-	-	
	Sub-Total Highway Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	6,411.46	1,000.00	1,515.15	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	Total Expenditures	878,700.00	1,013,980.64	907,000.00	676,298.94	868,500.00	837,500.00	
	Net Change in Fund Balance		(185,978.87)		103,713.82			

Wage Report
July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Employee	Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Total
Bernard, Candie	Lister	\$ 27.68	1,147.00	\$ 31,748.96
	Lister Meeting			\$ 50.00
	Delinquent Tax Collector	\$ 27.68	402.75	\$ 11,148.12
	911 Coordinator	\$ 27.68	5.00	\$ 138.40
	Assistan Town Clerk	\$ 27.68	69.50	\$ 1,923.76
	Assistan Treasurer	\$ 27.68	12.00	\$ 332.16
	Personal Pay	\$ 27.68	205.25	\$ 5,681.32
				\$ 51,022.72
Bernard, Paul	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 100.00
Bills, Lawrence	Selectboard			\$ 1,350.00
Chapin, Stuart	Road Crew (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 26.36	1,730.00	\$ 45,602.80
	Road Crew (General Fund Hours)	\$ 26.36	104.00	\$ 2,741.44
	Overtime	\$ 39.54	7.00	\$ 276.78
	Personal Pay	\$ 26.36	285.50	\$ 7,525.78
				\$ 56,146.80
Chiodi, Stacie	Auditor	\$ 23.07	5.25	\$ 121.12
Cloutier, Gerard	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 19.35	16.00	\$ 309.60
	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 20.22	205.50	\$ 4,155.21
				\$ 4,464.81
Coolidge, Patricia	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 200.00
Dupell, Albert	Selectboard			\$ 4,100.00
	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 50.00
	Transfer Station Attendant	\$ 20.22	8.00	\$ 161.76
				\$ 4,311.76
Eddy, Helen	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 250.00
	Auditor	\$ 23.07	22.25	\$ 513.31
				\$ 763.31
Ferrucci, Nancy	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 250.00
Hawksley, Raymond	Zoning Administrator			\$ 3,000.00
	Health Officer			\$ 2,000.00
	Planning Commission			\$ 250.00
				\$ 5,250.00
Holton, Dennis	Zoning Board of Adjustment			\$ 100.00
Liller, Christopher	Selectboard			\$ 1,750.00
	Board of Civil Authority			\$ 150.00
	Road Foreman (Highway Fund Hours)	\$ 31.66	1,834.00	\$ 58,064.44
	Road Foreman (General Fund Hours)	\$ 31.66	73.00	\$ 2,311.18
	Overtime	\$ 47.49	189.50	\$ 8,999.44
	Personal Pay	\$ 31.66	212.00	\$ 6,711.92
				\$ 77,986.98

WARNING
TOWN OF STRATTON
ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
March 2, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. to consider and act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:

School District Director	One three-year term
School District Director	One term for two years of a three-year term
School District Director	Two one-year terms

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2021-2022 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$18,490.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

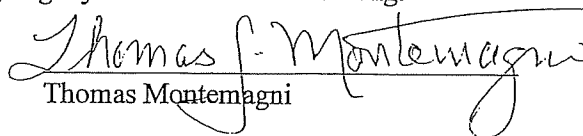
ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2021-2022 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 5, who are residents of the school district.

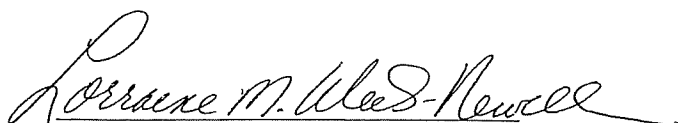
ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,231,100.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$16,362.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 5.802% less than spending for the current year.

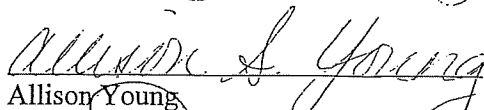
ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.


ARTICLE 9: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.


Approved by the Stratton School Directors:


Thomas Montemagni


Lorraine Weeks-Newell


Allison Young


Melissa Walker


Kellie D'Elia-Laskin

**STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT
ENROLLMENT REPORT**

SCHOOL/GRADE	Enrollment as of January 2021												Prior Year Totals						
	PK3	PK4	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	YTD	FY20	FY19	FY18
Burr and Burton Academy												4	5	2	2	13	13	8	10
Killington Mountain School											1					0	0	1	0
Long Trail School												2				2	2	1	3
Manchester Elementary Middle School											2					2	2	3	1
Maple Street School				1		1	1	1			1					6	5	4	2
Mountain School at Winhall			1	2	2	1		5							11	18	20	21	
Northshire Day School	1															1	0	0	0
Northfield Mount Hermon																0	2	1	1
Proctor Academy														1		1	1	0	0
Red Fox Community School								1								1	1	0	0
Stratton Mountain School									1	1	1	3	2	1	7	15	15	16	9
The American School in Switzerland																0	1	0	0
The Bement School																0	0	1	1
The Dover School				1		2										3	4	4	2
Twin Valley Elementary School																1	1	2	2
Twin Valley Middle High School								1		1						1	0	0	0
Vermont Academy														1		1	0	0	0
Wardsboro Elementary School	1			1	1											3	1	1	0
West River Montessori School		1														1	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	1	1	5	3	4	1	8	1	3	5	7	7	4	10	62	66	62	52

PK3 = 3 year olds

PK4 = 4 year olds

FY22 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED REVENUE BUDGET DETAIL

	Account Code	Account Title	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
51	41510	INTEREST EARNED	-	27.68	15.00	15.00	-	0.00%
	41921	OTHER REVENUES-RENTALS	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00	-	0.00%
	42150	STATE TRANSPORTATION GRANT	10,787.00	22,790.91	11,000.00	13,300.00	2,300.00	20.91%
	42790	NATIONAL FOREST GRANT	10,000.00	10,210.83	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00%
	43110	EDUCATION SPENDING GRANT	1,005,387.00	1,005,387.00	1,063,747.00	1,049,385.00	(14,362.00)	-1.35%
	44791	OTHER-DIRECT FROM FEDERAL GOV	37,555.00	39,045.00	37,000.00	37,000.00	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		1,183,729.00	1,197,461.42	1,241,762.00	1,229,700.00	(12,062.00)	-0.97%
	TOTAL		1,183,729.00	1,197,461.42	1,241,762.00	1,229,700.00	(12,062.00)	-0.97%

FY22 STRATTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSED EXPENSE BUDGET DETAIL

	Account Code	Account Title	FY20 Budget	FY20 Actual	FY21 Budget	FY22 Proposed Budget	Variance	Variance %
PREK	5561	TUITION TO PUBLIC VT LEAS	6,494.00	-	10,335.00	14,144.00	3,809.00	36.86%
	SUBTOTAL		6,494.00	-	10,335.00	14,144.00	3,809.00	36.86%
	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	2,567.00	3,493.24	10,429.00	7,898.00	(2,531.00)	-24.27%
	SUBTOTAL		2,567.00	3,493.24	10,429.00	7,898.00	(2,531.00)	-24.27%
	Total 01 - PREKINDERGARTEN		9,061.00	3,493.24	20,764.00	22,042.00	1,278.00	6.15%
ELEM	5561	TUITION TO PUBLIC VT LEAS	58,500.00	79,496.60	59,990.00	90,898.00	30,908.00	51.52%
	5562	TUITION TO PRIVATE VT LEAS	285,260.00	250,358.28	205,672.00	275,490.00	69,818.00	33.95%
	SUBTOTAL		343,760.00	329,854.88	265,662.00	366,388.00	100,726.00	37.92%
	5591	TRANSPORTATION	7,077.00	11,492.11	10,000.00	13,900.00	3,900.00	39.00%
	SUBTOTAL		7,077.00	11,492.11	10,000.00	13,900.00	3,900.00	39.00%
	Total 11 - ELEMENTARY (K-6)		350,837.00	341,346.99	275,662.00	380,288.00	104,626.00	37.95%
SECO	5561	TUITION TO PUBLIC VT LEAS	31,600.00	31,600.00	48,822.00	15,450.00	(33,372.00)	-68.35%
	5562	TUITION TO PRIVATE VT LEAS	577,715.00	451,025.17	742,558.00	675,610.00	(66,948.00)	-9.02%
	5564	TUITION TO NONVT PRIVATE LEAS	31,866.00	63,767.00	49,233.00	33,440.00	(15,793.00)	-32.08%
	SUBTOTAL		641,181.00	546,392.17	840,613.00	724,500.00	(116,113.00)	-13.81%
	5591	TRANSPORTATION	12,923.00	10,000.00	15,600.00	16,700.00	1,100.00	7.05%
	SUBTOTAL		12,923.00	10,000.00	15,600.00	16,700.00	1,100.00	7.05%
	Total 31 - SECONDARY (7-12)		654,104.00	556,392.17	856,213.00	741,200.00	(115,013.00)	-13.43%
LOCA	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	22,641.00	22,641.00	30,979.00	26,804.00	(4,175.00)	-13.48%
	SUBTOTAL		22,641.00	22,641.00	30,979.00	26,804.00	(4,175.00)	-13.48%
	5191	OTHER	5,000.00	6,808.52	10,000.00	12,000.00	2,000.00	20.00%
	5220	FICA	383.00	520.85	765.00	918.00	153.00	20.00%
	5344	OTH PROF SERV - LOCAL	-	3,215.50	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	0.00%
	5521	INSURANCE (NOT EMP BEN)	400.00	-	-	-	-	0.00%
	5581	TRAVEL	-	127.83	100.00	150.00	50.00	50.00%
	5593	SU ASSESSMENTS	30,803.00	27,538.00	33,079.00	33,498.00	419.00	1.27%
	5810	DUES AND FEES	-	-	700.00	700.00	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		36,586.00	38,210.70	47,644.00	50,266.00	2,622.00	5.50%
	5342	AUDITING SERVICES	10,500.00	7,976.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		10,500.00	7,976.00	10,500.00	10,500.00	-	0.00%
	5833	BOND ISSUANCE/OTHER DEBT	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%
	SUBTOTAL		100,000.00	100,000.00	-	-	-	0.00%
	Total 51 - LOCATION-WIDE EXCL PRE-K		189,727.00	168,827.70	89,123.00	87,570.00	(1,553.00)	-1.74%
	TOTAL		1,183,729.00	1,070,060.10	1,241,762.00	1,231,100.00	(10,662.00)	-0.86%

Statement of School District Fund Balances

June 30, 2020

General Fund	
Beginning FY20 Fund Balance	\$ 118,605.00
FY20 Revenues	\$ 1,197,461.42
FY20 Expenses	\$ 1,070,060.10
Transferred to Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000.00
Ending FY20 Fund Balance	\$ 146,006.32

Tuition Reserve Fund	
Beginning FY20 Fund Balance	\$ -
FY20 Revenues	\$ 100,000.00
FY20 Expenses	\$ -
Ending FY20 Fund Balance	\$ 100,000.00

District: Stratton SU: Windham Central		T200 Windham County		Property dollar equivalent yield 10,763 12,825	Homestead tax rate per \$10,763 of spending per equalized pupil 1.00	Income dollar equivalent yield per 2.0% of household income
		FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	
Expenditures						
1.	Budget (local budget, including special programs, full technical center expenditures, and any Act 144 expenditures)	\$1,029,913	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,100	1.
2.	plus Sum of separately warned articles passed at town meeting	-	-	-	-	2.
3.	minus Act 144 Expenditures, to be excluded from Education Spending (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	-	3.
4.	Locally adopted or warned budget	\$1,029,913	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,100	4.
5.	plus Obligation to a Regional Technical Center School District if any	-	-	-	-	5.
6.	plus Prior year deficit repayment of deficit	-	-	-	-	6.
7.	Total Budget	\$1,029,913	\$1,183,729	\$1,241,762	\$1,231,100	7.
8.	S.U. assessment (included in local budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	8.
9.	Prior year deficit reduction (included in expenditure budget) - informational data	-	-	-	-	9.
Revenues						
10.	Offsetting revenues (categorical grants, donations, tuitions, surplus, etc., including local Act 144 tax revenues)	\$374,787	\$178,342	\$178,015	\$180,315	10.
11.	plus Capital debt aid for eligible projects pre-existing Act 60	-	-	-	-	11.
12.	minus All Act 144 revenues, including local Act 144 tax revenues (Manchester & West Windsor only)	-	-	NA	NA	12.
13.	Offsetting revenues	\$374,787	\$178,342	\$178,015	\$180,315	13.
14.	Education Spending	\$655,126	\$1,005,387	\$1,063,747	\$1,050,785	14.
15.	Equalized Pupils	40.47	53.51	61.24	64.22	15.
16.	Education Spending per Equalized Pupil	\$16,187.94	\$18,788.77	\$17,370.13	\$16,362.27	16.
17.	minus Less ALL net eligible construction costs (or P&I) per equalized pupil	-	-	-	-	17.
18.	minus Less share of SpEd costs in excess of \$50,000 for an individual (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	18.
19.	minus Less amount of deficit if deficit is SOLELY attributable to tuitions paid to public schools for grades the district does not operate for new students who moved to the district after the budget was passed (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	19.
20.	minus Less SpEd costs if excess is solely attributable to new SpEd spending if district has 20 or fewer equalized pupils (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	20.
21.	minus Estimated costs of new students after census period (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	21.
22.	minus Total tuitions if tuitioning ALL K-12 unless electorate has approved tuitions greater than average announced tuition (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	22.
23.	minus Less planning costs for merger of small schools (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	23.
24.	minus Teacher retirement assessment for new members of Vermont State Teachers' Retirement System on or after July 1, 2015 (per eqpup)	-	-	-	-	24.
25.	Excess spending threshold	threshold = \$17,816 \$17,816.00	threshold = \$18,311 \$18,311.00	threshold = \$18,756 \$18,756.00	threshold = \$18,789 \$18,789.00	25.
26.	plus Excess Spending per Equalized Pupil over threshold (if any)	-	\$478	-	-	26.
27.	Per pupil figure used for calculating District Equalized Tax Rate	\$16,188	\$19,267	\$17,370	\$16,362.27	27.
28.	District spending adjustment (minimum of 100%)	158.395% based on yield \$10,220	180.940% based on yield \$10,648	157.939% based on \$10,883	152.023% based on yield \$10,763	28.
Prorating the local tax rate						
29.	Anticipated district equalized homestead tax rate (to be prorated by line 30) [\$16,362.27 ÷ (\$10,763 / \$1.00)]	\$1.5840 based on \$1.00	\$1.8094 based on \$1.00	\$1.5794 based on \$1.00	\$1.5202 based on \$1.00	29.
30.	Percent of Stratton equalized pupils not in a union school district	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	30.
31.	Portion of district eq homestead rate to be assessed by town (100.00% x \$1.52)	\$1.5840	\$1.8094	\$1.5794	\$1.5202	31.
32.	Common Level of Appraisal (CLA)	96.78%	95.13%	95.96%	95.96%	32.
33.	Portion of actual district homestead rate to be assessed by town (\$1.5202 / 95.96%)	\$1.6367 based on \$1.00	\$1.9020 based on \$1.00	\$1.6459 based on \$1.00	\$1.5842 based on \$1.00	33.
<p>If the district belongs to a union school district, this is only a PARTIAL homestead tax rate. The tax rate shown represents the estimated portion of the final homestead tax rate due to spending for students who do not belong to a union school district. The same holds true for the income cap percentage.</p>						
34.	Anticipated income cap percent (to be prorated by line 30) [(\$16,362.27 ÷ \$12,825) x 2.00%]	2.62% based on 2.00%	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.57% based on 2.00%	2.55% based on 2.00%	34.
35.	Portion of district income cap percent applied by State (100.00% x 2.55%)	2.62% based on 2.00%	2.95% based on 2.00%	2.57% based on 2.00%	2.55% based on 2.00%	35.
36.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	36.
37.	#N/A	-	-	-	-	37.

- Following current statute, the Tax Commissioner recommended a property yield of \$10,763 for every \$1.00 of homestead tax per \$100 of equalized property value. The Tax Commissioner also recommended an income yield of \$12,825 for a base income percent of 2.0% and a non-residential tax rate of \$1.73. New and updated data will likely change the proposed property and income yields and perhaps the non-residential rate.
 - Final figures will be set by the Legislature during the legislative session and approved by the Governor.
 - The base income percentage cap is 2.0%.

**NOTICE of EDUCATION TAX RATES
for FISCAL YEAR 2021**

TOWN OF STRATTON

Prepared: **July 6, 2020**

NONHOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Nonhomestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$1.6965

Nonhomestead property, previously called "non-residential," is any property which is not homestead property. Your town's nonhomestead rate is the statewide rate divided by your town's common level of appraisal (CLA).

HOMESTEAD TAX RATE

Homestead Tax Rate to be Assessed: \$1.6459

Your Town's Homestead Tax Rate is calculated from your Town's voter-approved per pupil spending and its CLA. For more detailed information on how tax rates are determined, please see:

<https://tax.vermont.gov/property/education-property-tax-rates>

By law, the legislative body in each municipality shall bill each property taxpayer at the homestead or nonhomestead rate as determined by the Commissioner for their municipality.
32 VSA Sec. 5402(b)(1)

If you have questions about your education tax rates, please call the Vermont Department of Taxes at (802) 828-5860.

ORIGINAL: Chair Selectboard / City Council
COPY: Town / City Treasurer

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
Residential I R1	222	155,412,500	7,364,100	148,048,400	155,412,500
Residential II R2	108	55,908,400	10,322,200	45,586,200	55,908,400
Mobile Homes-U MHU	0	0	0	0	0
Mobile Homes-L MHL	2	225,400	87,600	137,800	225,400
Seasonal I S1	8	552,700	0	552,700	552,700
Seasonal II S2	5	772,400	0	772,400	772,400
Commercial C	57	64,320,400	0	64,320,400	64,320,400
Commercial Apts CA	1	3,223,800	0	3,223,800	3,223,800
Industrial I	0	0	0	0	0
Utilities-E UE	1	3,876,500	0	3,876,500	3,876,500
Utilities-O UO	1	161,500	0	161,500	161,500
Farm F	0	0	0	0	0
Other O	1,090	502,758,700	2,543,400	500,215,300	502,758,700
Woodland W	61	16,272,100	0	16,272,100	16,272,100
Miscellaneous M	35	1,066,100	0	1,066,100	1,066,100
TOTAL LISTED REAL	1,591	804,550,500	20,317,300	784,233,200	804,550,500
P.P. Cable	1	469,300		469,300	469,300
P.P. Equipment	0	0			
P.P. Inventory	0	0			
TOTAL LISTED P.P.	1	469,300		469,300	469,300
TOTAL LISTED VALUE		805,019,800	20,317,300	784,702,500	805,019,800
EXEMPTIONS					
Veterans 10K	2/2	20,000	20,000	0	20,000
Veterans >10K		60,000			
Total Veterans		80,000	20,000	0	20,000
P.P. Contracts	1	469,300			
Contract Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Grandfathered	1/1	377,600	0	377,600	377,600
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total Contracts	2/1	846,900	0	377,600	377,600
FarmStab Apprv VEPC	0/0	0	0	0	0
Farm Grandfathered	0/0	0	0	0	0
Non-Apprv (voted)	0/0	0			
Owner Pays Ed Tax	0/0	0			
Total FarmStabContr	0/0	0	0	0	0
Current Use	17/17	4,172,100	873,200	3,298,900	4,172,100
Special Exemptions	15		0	22,696,000	22,696,000
Partial Statutory	0/0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total Exemptions		5,099,000	893,200	26,372,500	27,265,700
Total Exemptions		5,099,000	893,200	26,372,500	27,265,700
TOTAL MUNICIPAL GRAND LIST		7,999,208.00			
TOTAL EDUCATION GRAND LIST			194,241.00	7,583,300.00	7,777,541.00
NON-TAX		18 NON-TAX PARCELS ARE NOT INCLUDED ON THE 411			

(Taxable properties only - State and Non-tax status properties are not listed below)

REAL ESTATE Category/Code	Parcel Count	Municipal Listed Value	Homestead Ed Listed Value	Nonhmstd Ed. Listed Value	Total Education Listed Value
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Status on Personal Property	
1) Has inventory been exempted by vote of town/city?	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u> </u>
2) Has machinery and equipment been exempted by vote of your town/city?	Yes <u>XX</u> No <u> </u>
3) If yes for #2, what portion is now exempt? (include percentage)	<u> </u> 100.00 <u> </u>
4) If no for #2, please indicate below how your town/city is assessing business personal property (Place "X" by option used)	
a) at fair market value <u> </u>	b) at depreciated value <u> </u>

Summary of Adjustments to Taxable Values (Local Agreements Etc.)	
Approved (VEPC) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Grandfathered Contracts/Exemptions	377,600
Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Homestead Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Nonhmstd Non-Approved (Voted) Contracts/Exemptions	0
Municipal Contracts (Owner Pays Ed Tax)	0
Special Exemptions	22,696,000
Current Use (Use Value Appraisal Program)	4,172,100
Veteran Exemptions	20,000
Homestead Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	60,000
Nonhmstd Veteran Exemptions beyond 10K	0
Partial Statutory Exemptions	0

STRATTON SCHOOL BOARD

2020-2021: A YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been a busy, complicated, and yet a very productive year for the Stratton School Board. We faced numerous challenges, both old and new, but are approaching the 2021-2022 school year with positive outlook and a surplus!

A Look back at the 2020-2021 school year:

- A comprehensive review of all Stratton School Board policies was completed including updates to the Residency, Transportation and Tuition policies.
- The Affidavit of Pupil Residency was also reviewed and adjusted reflecting current residency trends. (Of note is that surrounding communities have adopted Stratton's residency affidavit due to its comprehensive and strict requirements.)
- The residency application process also has been streamlined to ensure the most thorough and accurate results possible.
- The board remains both diligent and uncompromising in its efforts to ensure both the residency laws and our residency policy are strictly and fairly observed. A demand for complete, accurate affidavits, combined with residency hearings (when necessary) has created an unyielding expectation of residency compliance throughout our community.
- The board continues to utilize all expert resources available, such as Town Office staff, VSBA and WCSU staff.
- We continue to foster an open and running dialogue with local schools. Headmasters regularly attend our School Board meetings, fostering direct lines of communications, throughout our communities.
- In particular, the board has been in regular contact with SMS regarding extending the 2-year cap of 20 students starting with the 2021-2022 school year.
- The board has representation at the WCSU monthly meetings, keeping members apprised of the most current statewide education trends, while keeping the district apprised of the issues germane to Stratton.
- We continue to work closely with attorneys, who specialize in complex legal issues related to our board tasks.
- The School Board is also in regular communication with Kelly Pajala, our State Representative. She has been invited to all board meetings and has been instrumental in providing information regarding the most current education issues, such as the Weighting Study.
- A committee of local parents has been established to assist the board in better understanding the Weighting Study and its impact on Stratton. They provided remarkable insight and information to the board that will be useful as we continue our research into this matter.
- Our monthly meetings are available remotely and we have a collective email system which eases communication with school board members. Lastly, courtesy meeting links are sent to all email subscribers prior to each meeting. These lines of communications have fostered a more informed and trusting public, regarding the complicated issues facing the Board on a weekly basis.

Going forward in the 2021-2022 school year:

- The Stratton School Board budget has a surplus going into the 2021-2022 school year.
- Continued work with the Weighting Study:
 - The Weighting Study was completed in December of 2019. It claims to have determined the actual cost of educating a student (it evaluated each student's "weight"). In years past, the students were all determined to cost one fixed dollar amount. The study determined that there are several factors influencing any given student's weight and some communities bare more of a burden than others. As a result, Stratton will see an increase in taxes should this study be put into direct effect.

- The School Board and the committee have been working to ensure Stratton's interests are both represented and considered. The WCSU Superintendent, Bill Anton, and Representative, Kelly Pajala have also provided assistance and insight on this matter.
- The School Board will continue to investigate and represent the interests of our community, starting with a communication campaign with local and state officials.
- We will continue to work with our local schools, and keep open our lines of communication with them, to ensure quality education with a stern eye towards fairness of the local tax structure.
- Our residency efforts have been productive in ensuring only Stratton residents receive tuition payments. We will maintain and strictly adhere to these policies as we go forward.
- We intend to utilize educational opportunities for board members, so that we may guarantee continued performance excellence from all members.

We would like to thank the following parties for their continued efforts this past year:

- The Stratton Town Office staff: Kent, for always having the answer, Candie for being our Homestead authority and Alyson for all of her number magic!
- The WCSU staff for their support, accuracy and timeliness in all matters.
- Our superintendent, Bill Anton, who is always readily available, supportive and offers constant guidance and assistance.
- SMS staff and Headmaster, Carson Thurber for their continued efforts to, and support of, the educational and tax goals of Stratton. They have been invaluable in the past and continue to be so today. We are very much looking forward to our relationship with this school and its administration in the year(s) to come.
- The Weighting Study committee: They have put in tireless hours and efforts into deciphering the hieroglyphics that is this study. They have held multiple meetings and worked with Kelly Pajala to ensure Stratton's interests are being considered. This has been, and will continue to be, the largest area of concern for the board, as we enter this next school year, and we are prepared and able to be proactive, thanks to their work.
- Lastly, we would like to thank Tom and Lorraine for all of their years of service as they step out of their board positions and move onto other areas of focus in their personal lives. Their professionalism, commitment to public service and sacrifice have been such a benefit to our community. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and thank them whole-heartedly for their years of service.

Allison S. Young

Stratton School Board



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 Department of Taxes
 133 State Street
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December 23, 2020

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 Town of Stratton
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 Stratton, VT 05360

2020 Equalization Study Results

This letter serves as notification of the results of Property Valuation and Review (PVR)'s 2020 equalization study. Every year we are required to certify the equalized education property value (EEPV or EEGL) and coefficient of dispersion (COD) for each Vermont town (32 V.S.A § 5406). This letter also communicates the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for your town and explains how it will impact your homestead and nonhomestead education tax rates.

Education Grand List (from 411):	\$777,754,100
Equalized Education Grand List (EEGL):	\$811,836,050
Common Level of Appraisal (CLA):	95.8 % or 0.9580
Coefficient of Dispersion (COD):	14.47%

For a copy of your town final computation sheet and certified sales report, please see:

tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study

The **education grand list** listed here is what was reported by your town to the state on the 411 form with your town's cable (if applicable) and tax increment financing (TIF) amounts (if any) included. This number represents the town's total property value that is subject to the education property tax (from the most recent grand list available) and serves as the numerator in the computation of the CLA. Please note: tax revenue from any TIF property value is subject to allocation (32 V.S.A. § 5404a).

The **equalized education grand list (EEGL)** represents PVR's statutorily-mandated estimate of total fair market value of the education grand list in your town and serves as the denominator in the computation of the CLA. To find out more about how the equalization study is conducted, how to read the certified sales report, and additional instructions on how to appeal your results, please see the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study

The **common level of appraisal (CLA)** is determined by dividing the education grand list by the equalized education grand list (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A number over 100% indicates that property in your town is generally listed for more than its fair market value. A number less than 100% indicates that



<http://tax.vermont.gov>

property is generally listed for less than its fair market value. A CLA below 85% or over 115% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A § 4041a). The homestead and nonhomestead tax rates in your town will be adjusted by your town's CLA (32 V.S.A § 5402). The nonhomestead rate in your town will be the statewide nonhomestead rate divided by your CLA. The homestead rate will be the town homestead rate (which is determined by the per-pupil spending of any school district(s) to which your town belongs) divided by the CLA. A CLA greater than 100% will result in a downward adjustment of tax rates, and a CLA less than 100% will result in upward adjustment.

To get answers to many common questions about tax rates and how they are determined and to see how the current year property tax rates for your town were calculated, please see the department's education tax resources at:

tax.vermont.gov/education-tax-rates

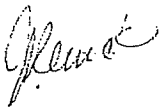
The **coefficient of dispersion (COD)** is a measure of how fairly distributed the property tax is within your town. It is calculated as the average of the (absolute) difference of each sales ratio (list price divided by sales price) in the study from the median ratio. That result is then divided by the median ratio to get the COD, which is expressed as a percent (32 V.S.A. § 5401). A high COD means that within your town many taxpayers are paying more than their fair share and many are paying less than their fair share. A COD over 20% necessitates a reappraisal (32 V.S.A. § 4041a).

Appeals: A municipality may petition the director of Property Valuation and Review for a redetermination of its EEPV and/or COD (32 V.S.A § 5408). All petitions must be in writing and signed by the chair of the municipality's legislative body. Petitions should contain a plain statement of matters being appealed and a statement of the remedy being sought. **Petitions must be received by PVR by the close of business on the 35th day after mailing of this letter.** Additional instructions on appeals can be found in the "Introduction to Vermont's Equalization Study" document at:

tax.vermont.gov/municipalities/reports/equalization-study

If you have any questions, please contact your **district advisor** or call 802-828-5860.

Sincerely,



Jill Remick, Director
Property Valuation and Review

cc: Chair, Board of Listers
Chair, School Board
Chair, Select Board
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Selectmen 2020 Annual Report

During the Town Meeting of 2020, all incumbent members of the Select Board, whose terms had expired, were re-elected to their positions. At the subsequent organizational meeting, Albert Dupell was reappointed Chairman and Larry Bills was reappointed Vice-Chairman. Kent Young was reappointed Secretary.

COVID 19 Protocol went into effect soon after Town Meeting; however, the Town was able to accomplish all its planned projects for the year. Projects accomplished over the course of 2020 included: 1) The replacement of the Little Kidder Brook culvert on Mountain Rd., which went exceptionally well, minimizing the time the road was closed. 2) Paving of Pike Hollow Rd. and the area of Mountain Rd. affected by the Little Kidder Brook culvert replacement. 3) In accordance with the State's Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP), the Highway Dept. continued with compliant ditching and culvert replacements this past year. The board had agreed to rent a wheeled excavator, which helped with these projects. The Board intends to purchase this equipment with a trade-in of the Backhoe.

The Selectmen were involved in two potential lawsuits this year. Last year, the Town was sued regarding a homestead tax refund dispute following the tax sale of a property. The court found for the complainant and the Town refunded that person as the court directed. The Town had refunded the amount to the previous owner as directed by the Vermont Dept. of Taxes and legal counsel. In a second suit filed by the Town against a property owner regarding fees associated with the Fire Dept.'s responses to false automatic fire alarms, the suit was dropped, when the buildings' management company agreed to pay all fees and costs.

This year, the Board agreed to hire on a second "part-time / as necessary" Transfer Station attendant, as Gerry Clotier, who had been hired previously has been unable to stand in as a substitute. The Board agreed to hire Dan Gilbeau for this position.

With a recommendation from the Board of Listers, the Selectmen approved a contract for a Town-wide Reappraisal submitted by Brett Purvis and Assoc.. The Reappraisal is scheduled for completion in 2022.

After Town Meeting 2020, the board formally joined the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District as voted at said meeting. Betsy Wadsworth was appointed as Stratton's representative to it and Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson were appointed as alternates.

During discussions with the Town Treasurer, the Selectmen set the 2020/21 municipal tax rate at \$0.2002. During the discussion, it was agreed not to calculate in any of the potential 1% tax revenue, as it was not clear how COVID 19 might affect that income. Any amount collected will be included in the revenue for 2021/22. The total 2020/21 tax rates were set at: Homestead - \$1.8461 and Non-Homestead - \$1.8967.

Following the Planning Commission recommendations of Ray Hawksley as Zoning Administrator and Chris Mann as Assistant to the Zoning Administrator, the board confirmed their appointments. The board also recommend reappointment of Ray Hawksley as Stratton's Health Officer to the VT Dept. of Health, which subsequently affirmed his appointment. These three positions are three-year terms. Additionally, Kent Young was re-appointed the Town's Representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District and Chris Liller was re-appointed as the alternate. Renee Mulkey was re-appointed as Representative to the Windham Regional Commission and Paul Bernard was re-appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Board thanks Lorraine Weeks-Newell and Helen Eddy for coordinating Green-Up Day this year.

Al Dupell, Chairman of the Selectmen

**TOWN CLERK
2020 ANNUAL REPORT
(Calendar 2020)**

Town Clerk: Kent Young

Assistant Town Clerk: Candie Bernard

The following is a list of Stratton's yearly statistics:

Land Records: In 2020, one Mylar (surveys or drawings) was recorded for the Town (no fee). 2834 pages were recorded (Book 179 page 569 through Book 183 page 446). Recording fees at \$15.00/page brought in revenues of \$42,510.00.

Property Transfers: 152 Property Transfers occurred in the calendar year of 2020, for a total of \$67,390,672.00 in sales. An amount of \$2,280.00 was collected to process the associated Property Transfer Tax Returns. Property Transfer Taxes collected by the State for these sales amounted to \$972,842.25 (an increase of about 90% from last year – much of this substantial increase seems to be due to COVID 19 refugee purchases).

2020 Vital Statistics:

Births – One child of a local Stratton family was born this year, but not within Town.

Marriages – Only two marriages were registered in Stratton this year, of which one was of a local couple.

Deaths – Stratton resident, Edward Sieber, Jr., passed away within Stratton in 2020. Additionally, two non-resident individuals passed away within Stratton.

Appointments by Town Clerk:

Deputy Registrars – Mark F. Shea and Thomas R. Lloyd of Shea Family Funeral Homes.

Liquor Licenses – The following licenses and permits were approved by the Town and State (Licenses are valid May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021. Statistics concerning Catering Permits, Special Events Permits, Educational Sampling Event Permits and Festival Permits are calculated for the 2020 calendar year):

1 st Class Restaurant / Bar Licenses:	11 (\$115.00 fee to the Town and \$115.00 fee to the State)
2 nd Class Licenses:	3 (\$70.00 fee to the Town and \$70.00 fee to the State)
3 rd Class Licenses	4 (\$1,095.00 fee to the State)
Outside Consumption Permits:	9 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Catering Permits:	8 (\$20.00 fee to the State)
Special Event Permits:	4 (\$35.00 fee to the State)
Educational Sampling Event Permits:	4 (\$250.00 fee to the State)

Total fees collected by the Town: \$1475.00 Total fees collected by the State: \$7335.00

Solid Waste Disposal: A total of 189.31 tons of solid waste were hauled away from the Stratton Transfer Station in 2020. Of this, 48.42 tons (26%) were recycled. Additionally, Casella collects compost deposited at the Transfer Station weekly; however, the amount is not measured. **Pay-As-You-Throw statistics:** Stratton has collected \$6547.00 [fees] in revenues and paid out \$28,913.00 to Casella Waste Systems, Inc. in solid waste removal expenses (this includes tipping fees, zero-sort handling fees and composting container fees as well). As of the beginning of 2021, used clothing will be collected for reuse.

Voter Statistics: As of December 31, 2020, Stratton had 217 voters on the Voter Checklist. 49 new voters applied to the checklist and were added in 2020, while 27 voters were removed from the checklist for various reasons. Six voters remain inactive / challenged and are subject to be removed per the statutory procedures. 45 voters attended the Town Meeting of March 3, 2020 and 44 voters were present for the subsequent Annual School District Meeting. 32 voters were present for the Special School District Meeting of October 6, 2020. 83 voters participated in the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary Election, while 57 voters Participated in the August 11, 2020 State Primary Election. 193 voters voted in the General Election of 11/03/2020 – of that count, there were only two defective ballots. The result of the Presidential Election in Stratton was: Biden – 119 votes, Trump – 67 votes, H. Brooke Paige – 1 vote and Kanye West – 2 votes.

David Kent Young, Town Clerk

Stratton Planning Commission

2020 Annual Report

At the Town Meeting of 2020, Kent Young was re-elected to a three-year-term and Ray Hawksley was elected to a one-year-term, as the election schedule for the Commission rolls into the three three-year-terms and two one-year-terms established by the Town in 2019. After Town Meeting, the Commission re-appointed Kent Young as Chairman, Ray Hawksley as Vice-Chairman, and Chris Mann as Secretary. Kent Young again agreed to take meeting minutes.

No major development projects were considered during 2020. The Commission completed work on the new Town Plan, called Town Plan 2020. A Public Hearing was properly warned and held at the Town Hall on October 28, 2020. With no public comment, the Commission approved to forward the plan to the Selectmen for their required hearing and subsequent adoption. The Selectmen held their Public Hearing on December 14, 2020 and the plan was adopted at that meeting. Currently the plan is in process for review and approval by the Windham Regional Commission.

Additionally this year, the Planning Commission considered and recommended that the Selectboard re-appoint Ray Hawksley as the Zoning Administrator and Chris Mann to be appointed for the first time as the Assistant to the Zoning Administrator. Both recommendations were confirmed by the Selectmen for those three-year terms.

All Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public and while COVID 19 rules remain in effect, any meeting held during this time, will be held on ZOOM, with instructions given on the notices and agendas on how to attend in that way. Currently, we post notices for meetings as necessary. Meeting Notices, Agendas, Minutes and Public Hearings can be found posted at the Town Office, Town Garage and Stratton Mountain Post Office, as well as on the Planning Commission page of the Town of Stratton's website: www.townofstrattonvt.com. Zoning guidance can be found on the Planning and Permitting page of that site, as well.

Kent Young
Planning Commission Chairman

ZONING REPORT
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020

<u>Name</u>	<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Date Issued</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>
Stratton Corp.	Elec Auto Charging	11/04/2019	25.00
Digangi	Pool	12/11/2019	70.00
Peterson	House	03/12/2020	80.00
C. Allen	Renovations	03/12/2020	25.00
Boccanfuso/Kotliar	House	04/22/2020	100.00
The Watch	Renovations	04/22/2020	104.50
The Watch	Renovations	04/22/2020	121.00
Zilkha	Addition	04/22/2020	100.00
G. Montemagni	Mud Room	04/23/2020	35.00
F. McQuade	Garage	05/19/2020	85.00
Mezic	Renovations	05/19/2020	25.00
Manelski	Addition	06/07/2020	75.00
Myers	Renovations	06/09/2020	770.00
Skyfall Dev LLC	House	06/24/2020	1265.00
Glennon	Renovations	06/24/2020	25.00
Wheeler	House	06/30/2020	70.00
Total Permit Fees Collected			2,975.50

Listers' Report 2020

The Board of Listers consists of Kent Young, Candie Bernard and Elizabeth "Beth" Liller. Beth was elected as a Lister at last year's Town Meeting to replace Allan Hicks, who had retired and moved away from Stratton last year. We are very happy to have her as a member of the board.

This year, the Listers heard 15 Grievances, with no appeal to the Board of Civil Authority.

The December 2019 Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) calculation used to determine the 2020/21 Education Property Tax Rates was 95.96%. The State Non-Homestead Education Tax Rate for 2020/21 was \$1.6965. The Residential Education Tax Rate was \$1.6459. The Municipal Tax Rate was set at \$0.2002; therefore, Stratton's total property tax rates were \$1.8461 for homestead properties and \$1.8967 for non-Homestead properties.

The 2021 Common Level of Appraisal was calculated at 95.80 and will be used to determine next year's education tax rates.

A Town-wide Revaluation was contracted between the Town and Brett Purvis and Assoc. this year. Work has already commenced and will continue into 2022. We intend to complete it and implement it in 2022. Property Owners should be aware that at some time during this period, their property will likely be visited by an Assessor for revaluation. The intent is to bring all real estate within Town to 100% of Fair Market Value.

Please see the "Grand List" pages within the Town Report for property assessment details and visit the Assessors' Page at the Town of Stratton website - www.townofstrattonvt.com for more information on property values.

Currently, Stratton contracts with:

- 1) Brett Purvis and Associates for professional appraising.
- 2) Visions Inc. for appraisal software and support.
- 3) Cartographics Technologies, Inc. for tax mapping and software support.

All appraisals (Listers Cards) of Stratton properties can be viewed on the internet via our website.

Kent Young, Listers' Chairman

2020 DOG REPORT

LICENSES ISSUED (Licenses should be renewed before April 1 of each year):

69 dog licenses were sold in the Town of Stratton in 2020. Licenses issued were for:

61 spayed female or neutered male dogs

Eight unneutered male or un-spayed female dogs

Fees collected for 2020: \$653.00 (of which \$345.00 was sent to the VT State Treasurer).

SCHEDULE OF FEES:

If you own or keep a dog or wolf-hybrid that is six months or older on or before April 1, the license fee is:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$9.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$13.00

After April 1st an additional 50% is added to the fee:

Neutered male or spayed female – \$11.00

Un-neutered male or un-spayed female – \$17.00

To register a dog or wolf-hybrid, as a neutered male or spayed female, a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the animal has been sterilized must be given to the Town Clerk.

To license a dog or wolf-hybrid, the owner/keeper shall give the Town Clerk a certificate signed by a licensed veterinarian stating that the dog or wolf-hybrid has a current approved vaccination against rabies.

A current vaccination means:

All dogs or wolf-hybrids over three months of age shall be vaccinated against rabies. The initial vaccination shall be valid for 12 months. Within 9 to 12 months of the initial vaccination, the animal must receive a booster vaccination. All vaccinations following the initial vaccination will be valid for 36 months.

Town of Stratton

Cemetery Commission

We continue to place flags on all veterans' graves before Memorial Day, and we ensure that all cemeteries are mowed at least once each month during the summer, immediately prior to the major holidays of Memorial Day, the 4th of July and Labor Day. We wish to thank Ben Lowe for doing an excellent job of mowing and trimming our cemeteries at those times.

Kent Young, Cemetery Commission Chair

Stratton Mountain Vol. Fire Co. Inc

	To Date		To Date		Budget	Actual
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
	2019-2020	2019-2020	2020-2021	2020-2021	2021-2022	2021-2022
Operations Income						
Town of Stratton	\$ 52,150.00	\$ 52,150.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 53,800.00	\$ 65,550.00	
Post Office Rental	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 7,000.00	
Stratton Corp.	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00		
Grants		\$ 2,000.00				
Fund Raising /Donations	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,580.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 17,660.00	\$ 15,000.00	
Total Funds	\$ 85,150.00	\$ 77,230.00	\$ 86,800.00	\$ 86,835.00	\$ 87,550.00	
Expenditures						
Electricity	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 704.42	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 403.89	\$ 1,200.00	
Telephone	\$ 600.00	\$ 387.34	\$ 600.00	\$ 338.25	\$ 600.00	
Heat	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 1,424.38	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 545.86	\$ 5,500.00	
Insurance	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
Fire Pond		\$ 215.00				
SCBA's						
Building improvement	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,699.33	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	
Building Maintenance&Supplies	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
Postage	\$ 100.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 463.00	\$ 550.00	
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 500.00		\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00	
Vehicle Maintenance	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00	
Engine #1						
Engine #2						
Tower # 1		\$ 131.51				
Utility #1		\$ 239.59				
Radio Repair						
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
SCBA's		\$ 299.75				
Extinguishers		\$ 125.45				
New Equipment	\$ 23,500.00					
SCBA Compressor			\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00	
SCBA's						
Turnout gear		\$ 13,365.40	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00	
Training	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Dues & Ass. Fees	\$ 300.00	\$ 422.00	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Reimbursment	\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00	
Fund Raising Expence	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,191.16	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,500.00	
CPA	\$ 500.00		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00	
Secretary Position	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 2,600.00		\$ 2,600.00	
Software			\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 300.00				\$ 300.00	
Hosting Fees	\$ 350.00					
ACS Fire Companies.com		\$ 359.91				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 84,950.00	\$ 30,980.24	\$ 86,800.00	\$ 1,751.00	\$ 87,550.00	

TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF
MARCH 3, 2020

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton met as warned at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 10:00am. She stated that the Presidential Primary is being held simultaneously, with the polling place on the stage. Although those who wish to vote may do so at any time, she asked that those attending the meeting wait until the meetings have recessed or ended before voting. At this time, Selectman, Al Dupell, led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Town Clerk took the roll. Initially, 45 voters were present; therefore, 23 votes constitute a majority. The Moderator read the names of Stratton Residents, whom we had learned had passed away in the last year – Avis Pickering, Ruth Romano and Barbara Pepper, then she asked for the assembly to pause for a moment of silence in their honor.

The Moderator read the following Articles and conducted the meeting as follows:

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Laura Hawksley nominated Diana Stugger. D.R. Holton seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To act on the Town Report.

Chris Liller moved to approve the Town Report. Allison Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote on the article. The ayes were unanimous and the Town Report was approved.

ARTICLE 3: Shall the town authorize the elimination of the office of Town Auditor, with future audits to be provided by a public accountant licensed in this State in accordance with 17 V.S.A. § 2651b(a)? (This must be voted by paper ballot.) Kent Young so moved. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion: Alyson Peterson explained that the Town and School District now has outside Audits performed yearly, and that the Outside Auditors said that 90% of towns they service had eliminated the Auditor positions. With no further discussion, the Moderator stated that a paper ballot must be taken. The paper ballot was unanimous with 44 ballots cast to approve the Article; therefore, Article 3 passed.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to set the term period for Planning Commission members to three three-year terms and two one-year terms, to be implemented as current terms expire, so that each year, one three-year term will be up for re-election. Kent Young so moved. DR Holton seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was approved.

ARTICLE 5: To elect Town officers as required by law:

Town Clerk (one three-year term): Lorraine Weeks-Newell nominated Kent Young. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Town Clerk for a three-year term.

Treasurer (one three-year term): Chris Liller nominated Alyson Peterson. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. All concurred. Alyson Peterson was elected Treasurer for a three-year term.

Selectman (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Greg Marcucci. Laura Hawksley seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Chris Liller seconded. All concurred. Greg Marcucci was elected Selectman for a three-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated Al Dupell. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Al Dupell was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Selectman (one one-year term): Laura Hawksley nominated Kevin Robinson. Al Dupell seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Kevin Robinson was elected Selectman for a one-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one three-year term): Laura Hawksley nominated Kent Young. DR Holton seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Planning Commissioner for a three-year term.

Planning Commissioner (one one-year term): DR Holton nominated Ray Hawksley. Larry Bills seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Ray Hawksley was elected Planning Commissioner for a one-year term.

Lister (one three-year term): Kent Young nominated Elizabeth Liller. Larry Bills seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Larry Bills seconded. All concurred. Elizabeth Liller was elected Lister for a three-year term.

Cemetery Commissioner (one three-year term): Chris Liller nominated Kent Young. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Kent Young was elected Cemetery Commissioner for a three-year term.

Delinquent Tax Collector (one one-year term): Laura Hawksley nominated Candie Bernard. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred. Candie Bernard was elected Delinquent Tax Collector for a one-year term.

Trustee of Public Funds (one one-year term): Laura Hawksley nominated Alyson Marcucci. DR Holton seconded. Chris Liller moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Alyson Marcucci was elected Trustee of Public Funds for a one-year term.

Constable (one one-year term): Siobhan Eddy Young nominated Boomer Walker. George Rigoulot seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Alyson Peterson seconded. All concurred. Boomer Walker was elected Constable for a one-year term.

Grand Juror (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Chris Liller seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Grand Juror for a one-year term.

Town Agent (one one-year term): Kent Young nominated John Waite. Al Dupell seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Laura Hawksley seconded. All concurred. John Waite was elected Town Agent for a one-year term.

ARTICLE 6: *To see if the Town will furnish bonds where bonds are required.* Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was approved.

ARTICLE 7: *To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money on notes of the Town or otherwise in anticipation of taxes and/or current expenses.* Kent Young so moved. Kevin Robinson seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 was approved.

ARTICLE 8: *To see if the Town will vote to approve the following appropriation requests:*

<i>American Red Cross</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Community Food Pantry</i>	<i>500.00</i>
<i>Deerfield Valley Rescue</i>	<i>1500.00</i>
<i>Grace Cottage Foundation</i>	<i>7,000.00</i>
<i>Green Up Vermont</i>	<i>50.00</i>
<i>Groundworks Collaborative</i>	<i>500.00</i>

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services	500.00
Historical Society of Windham County	250.00
Joann Liller Scholarship Fund	5,000.00
Londonderry Volunteer Rescue	2,500.00
Senior Solutions	500.00
SeVEDS.	648.00
Southern VT Therapeutic Riding Center	750.00
Valley Cares, Inc.	335.00
VT Center for Independent Living	500.00
VT Rural Fire Protection Task Force	100.00
Visiting Nurse Association	800.00
Wardsboro Public Library	5,429.39
Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Association	5,000.00
Wardsboro Volunteer Rescue	5,000.00
Windham County Humane Society	400.00
Winhall Library	2,500.00
Women's Freedom Center	750.00
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$41,012.39</u>

Kent Young so moved. Chris Liller seconded. Discussion: Robert Lahue asked for an explanation of the difference in the appropriation amounts for the two libraries. Kent Young said that those amounts were what each organization had requested. Mr. Lahue then asked for an explanation of the Joann Liller Scholarship. Laura Hawksley stated that it had been brought up last year, but could not be added then, as it was not on the Warning. This year she requested it in Joann's memory. It is organized by the Windham Central Supervisory Union, which will coordinate awards to eligible students. The family is currently working out the details to stipulate eligibility. The intent is to make it available for local high school graduates who attend a Technical or Trade School and will likely be distributed in increments of \$500.00. The LaMarche Scholarship, which was not included in this Warning, was too limited regarding the eligible schools. Lorraine Weeks-Newell asked what happens to the funds we had provided in past years to the LaMarche fund. The Clerk said that the Town has no control over the fund after it is appropriated. Apparently the stipulations were strict and not much was distributed. Most of the LaMarche family members who were previously administering those funds are no longer living, so the Supervisory Union will have to determine how they can be distributed. Laura Hawksley asked about the Green Up Appropriation amount. That amount request is determined by the population of the Town. After the discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve the sum of \$53,800.00 for the Stratton Mountain Volunteer Fire Company operating budget. Al Dupell so moved. Greg Marcucci seconded. Discussion: Robert Lahue thanked the Dept. for responding rapidly to a brush fire at the resort back in the summer. Laura Hawksley explained that funding was used to operate the department and also to maintain compliance with the equipment it must have. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 passed.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to apply any surplus from the current fiscal year to reduce taxes in the next fiscal year. Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 10 passed.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$901,683.68 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the General Fund for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

Kent Young so moved. Larry Bills seconded. Discussion: Laura Hawksley asked about the Recreation Area budget and the Town's intentions for improvement. Alyson Peterson stated that there is about \$70,000.00 in the fund and that the Selectmen had agreed to set aside another \$5000.00. Rob Wadsworth explained that the Pavilion fund is there to provide funds for the construction of a new pavilion, as there is no covered area for gatherings at the Rec. Area and that we are getting close to an

amount that will be necessary for the construction of one, but nothing has been decided at this time. Jessica Marullo said that the basketball court and playground need repairs as well. Al Dupell said that the Selectmen will look into these issues. Laura Hawksley questioned how the Fire Warden salary was set and one of the Selectmen responded that it was set by the State. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote – all were in favor and Article 11 passed.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$868,500.00 to care for the expenses and liabilities of the Highway Fund for fiscal year 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021).

John Waite so moved. Laura Hawksley seconded. Discussion: Chris Liller responded to a question about paving by stating that Pike Hollow Rd. is to be paved this year. Allison Young asked about the possibility of paving the top portion of Penny Ave.. The Selectmen responded that that will have to be discussed at a later time. There was also discussion about the replacement of Little Kidder Brook culvert on Mountain Rd.. The road will be closed for about two or three weeks this summer. The project is scheduled to occur between July 4 and the end of August, before school starts. The contractor will face penalties if the road closure extends beyond the deadline. George Rigoulot thanked the Road Crew for their exceptional job of maintaining Willis Cemetery Rd.. All concurred regarding their work on all the roads this year. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 12 passed.

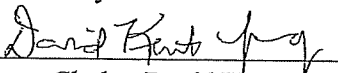
ARTICLE 13: Shall the Town of Stratton enter into a communications union district to be known as "Deerfield Valley Communication Union District" under the provisions of 30 V.S.A. chapter 82?.

Laura Hawksley so moved. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. Discussion: Betsy Wadsworth explained the need for better internet service especially in the southern portion of Town and the failures of previous efforts by the State to provide it. By joining this district, the Town will have the opportunity to work with other area town to coordinate efforts to raise funds for installation of services. All property owners in Town will be getting post cards informing them of a survey for a feasibility study the district needs to have completed. She also said that whatever comes of this effort, it will still be about three or four years before we might see any new services. She gave an overview of the "CUD" and various people described their frustrations with the lack of service available here. John Nault added that he has a line of site service that is available from Stratton Mountain and can provide that information to those interested. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 13 passed.

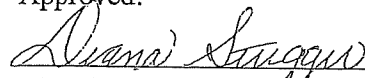
ARTICLE 14: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting. The Moderator thanked various people for volunteering for Town events as addressed in the Selectmen's Report. And, Laura Hawksley thanked all the Town Officers for their services.

Adjournment: With no further business, the Moderator asked for a motion to Adjourn. Chris Liller so moved. Al Dupell seconded - all concurred and the meeting adjourned at 11:00AM.

Minutes by:


Town Clerk – David Kent Young

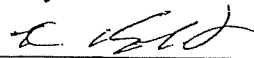
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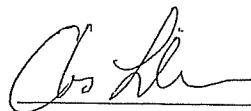

Moderator – Diana Stigger

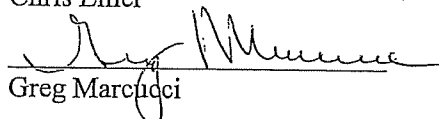
Approved by the Selectmen:

Albert Dupell

Larry Bills


Kevin Robinson


Chris Liller


Greg Marcucci

**TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
MARCH 3, 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. Moderator, Diana Stugger, called the meeting to order at 11:05AM. The Town Clerk took the roll and 44 voters were present. A majority of 23 will be required. Guests present: Peter Ahlfeld, Head Master of the Mountain School at Winhall, Mark Tashjian - Head Master of Burr and Burton Academy and Cricket Mikheev of Maple Street School.

ARTICLE 1: To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year, as required by law.

Laura Hawksley nominated Diana Stugger. Chris Liller seconded. Al Dupell moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. DR Holton seconded. All concurred. Diana Stugger was elected Moderator for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 2: To elect all Stratton School District Officers, as required by law:

School District Director One three-year term

Laura Hawksley nominated Lorraine Weeks-Newell. Al Dupell seconded. Larry Bills moved to close nominations and have the Clerk cast one ballot. Al Dupell seconded. All concurred. Lorraine Weeks-Newell was elected School District Director for the term of three years.

ARTICLE 3: To set the Annual 2020-2021 tuition rate to The Mountain School at Winhall up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6 and up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-8, who are residents of the school district pursuant to VSA 16 sections 823 & 828.

Kent Young so moved. Betsy Wadsworth seconded. Discussion: Laura Hawksley asked why it was being set at State average and what that means for families with children going there. Alyson Peterson responded that Mountain School is only asking for State Average and, therefore, there is no out-of-pocket expense in regard to tuition for those families. She also gave the State rates as \$14,859 for grades K-6 and \$16,233.00 for grades 7-12. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 4: To set the Annual 2020-2021 K-6 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union Elementary School tuition rate for students in grades K-6, excluding those students covered in Article 3, who are residents of the school district.

Laura Hawksley so moved. Kent Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 4 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 5: To set the Annual 2020-2021 tuition rate to Burr & Burton Academy up to the amount of \$17,990.00 per pupil for students in grades 9-12, who are residents of the school district.

Kent Young so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No Discussion. The Moderator then asked for a voice vote to approve the Article. All were in favor and Article 5 passed.

ARTICLE 6: To set the Annual 2020-2021 tuition rate to all other private or approved independent schools up to the announced Vermont Union High School tuition rate for students in grades 7-12, excluding those students covered in Article 3 and Article 4, who are residents of the school district.

Kent Young so moved. Al Dupell seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 6 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 7: Shall the voters of the School District approve the School Board to expend \$1,241,762.00, which is the amount the School Board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year? It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in education spending of \$17,370.00 per equalized pupil. This projected spending per equalized pupil is 9.85% lower than spending for the current

year. Kent Young so moved. Laura Hawksley seconded. Discussion: Tom Montemagni presented a Power Point presentation, prepared by the School Board, discussing the calculations for this year's budget, including two alternative calculations with increased numbers of phantom students, which will increase the budget and subsequent tax rates and (if said number of projected students in either case do not materialize) will allow the School District to accumulate those unspent funds for circumstances down the road. The last option would set the budget just under the amount that would result in the district having a penalty applied to the tax rate. The School Directors stated that the State is considering changes in coming years that may greatly affect the District's tax rate – this latest consideration is a result of what is known as the Weighting Study, which will affect tax rates. Our Representative will not be attending today's meeting because of her workload in Londonderry with the Town Vote and the Presidential Primary; however, she will be holding a meeting on March 5 at the Mountain School in Winhall, in the gymnasium from 6pm to 7pm to discuss issues regarding the Town and specifically the Weighting Study and how it might be applied to Districts. Tom Montemagni then said that the School Directors would like the voters to consider the three option given to determine the budget adopted. The Moderator then said that she would take a straw poll to determine which option to vote initially. She asked for those interested in the article as warned – about twenty hands were raised for this option. She asked for those interested in the middle option and approximately ten hands were raised. There was little interest in the third option. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 7 passed as warned, with no voiced opposition.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to borrow money for the school district in anticipation of taxes and state money allocated to the district.

Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded. No discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 8 passed.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to maintain a reserve fund to help reduce tax rate fluctuations from year to year. Al Dupell so moved. Kent Young seconded.

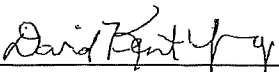
Discussion: Alyson Peterson said that the Windham Central Supervisory Union had recommended that the District create a formal account for rollover funds. With no further discussion, the Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 9 was unanimously approved.

ARTICLE 10: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Mark Tashjian of Burr and Burton Academy requested permission to speak. The Moderator asked permission and the assembly agreed. He thanked the District for its support of Burr and Burton Academy. The same process ensued for Peter Ahlfeld of the Mountain School at Winhall. He also thanked the District for supporting said school. Cricket Mikheev made the same type statement for Maple Street School. This concluded other business.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Al Dupell so moved at 12:05pm. John Nault seconded and the School District Annual Meeting adjourned.

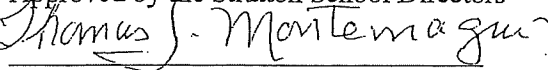
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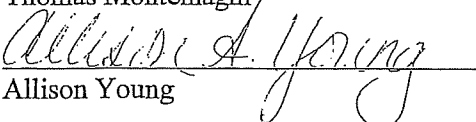

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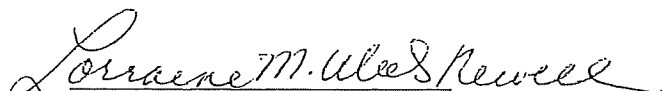
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Moderator – Diana Stugger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Thomas Montemagni


Allison Young


Lorraine Weeks-Newell

**TOWN OF STRATTON
MINUTES OF
SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING OF
OCTOBER 6, 2020**

The legal voters of the Town of Stratton, Vermont met as warned at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. The Moderator was not initially present, so Town Clerk, Kent Young, called the meeting to order. He read the Warning and then nominated Larry Bills as Moderator Pro Tem to fill in until Moderator, Diana Stigger, arrived. DR Holton seconded. No other nominations were made and a voice vote for Larry Bills was unanimous.

The Town Clerk took the roll and 32 voters were present; therefore, a voter majority of 17 currently exists; however, due to COVID 19 concerns the meeting is also being hosted on ZOOM and voters were allowed to be considered present if they had remained in the parking lot in their vehicle. No voters attended in this manner. The Moderator Pro Tem proceeded with the meeting:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will increase the number of School Directors elected by the Stratton School District, from the number of three to the number of five. If so voted, the term period for the two additional School Directors shall be one-year terms, the first of which shall expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2022. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded. The Moderator Pro Tem proceeded with a vote before moving to a discussion. The Town Clerk stated that there needs to be a discussion and that this article needs to be amended. The Moderator Pro Tem then allowed for reconsideration and a discussion. The Town Clerk stated that the statutes do not allow for the new positions to serve beyond the next Annual School District Meeting. He then moved that the article be amended to read: *To see if the Town will increase the number of School Directors elected by the Stratton School District, from the number of three to the number of five. If so voted, the term period for the two additional School Directors shall be one-year terms, the first of which shall expire at the next Annual School District Meeting.* DR Holton seconded. No discussion. All concurred and the Article was amended. The Moderator Pro Tem then asked for a motion to approve the article as amended. Kent Young so moved. Lorraine Weeks-Newell seconded. No discussion. A voice vote followed and the Article passed as amended.

ARTICLE 2: If Article 1 passed, then the District shall elect two School District Directors, as follows:

1) *School District Director* *One one-year term*

DR Holton nominated Melissa Walker. Kent Young seconded.

Helen Nault nominated Kellie Delia-Laskin. Sian Read seconded.

The election proceeded with a paper ballot. Voters were told to remain in place while two elections officials carried the ballot box around to collect votes. Additionally, two election officials carried another ballot box to the parking lot; however, no one participated in that manner. At this time, Diana Stigger arrived and took over as Moderator. Upon completion of the collection of all ballots – Melissa Walker received 25 votes and Kellie Delia-Laskin received 7 votes. Melissa Walker was elected as School District Director for a one-year term which will expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2021.

2) *School District Director* *One one-year term*

Helen Nault nominated Kellie Delia-Laskin. Sian Read seconded. No other nominations. The Moderator asked for a motion to close nominations and for the Clerk to cast one ballot. Larry Bills so moved. DR Holton seconded – all concurred and Kellie Delia-Laskin was elected as School District Director for a one-year term which will expire at the Annual School District Meeting of 2021.

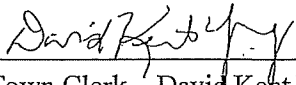
ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will authorize the School Directors to revise the designation and purpose of the Reserve Fund created at the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020. Kent Young moved to approve. DR Holton seconded. Discussion: Alyson Peterson stated that the article should be amended as

follows: *To determine if the Town will authorize the School Directors to revise the designation and purpose of the reserve fund created at the School District Meeting of March 3, 2020 from a "Reserve Fund to help Reduce Tax Rate Fluctuations" to a "Tuition Reserve."* Kent Young moved the amendment. DR Holton seconded. No further discussion. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and all approved the motion. The Moderator then asked for a motion to approved the Article as Amended. Boomer Walker so moved. Larry Bills seconded. No discussion.. The Moderator asked for a voice vote and Article 3 passed as amended.


ARTICLE 4: *To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.*
No additional business was transacted.

ADJOURNMENT: The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn. Kent Young so moved. Boomer Walker seconded and the Special School District Meeting adjourned at 6:20pm.

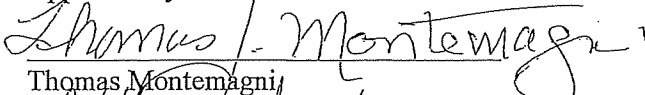
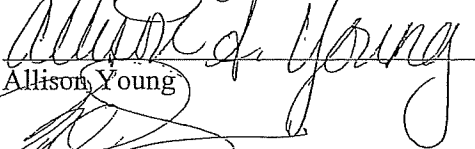
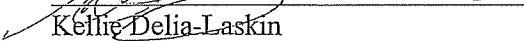
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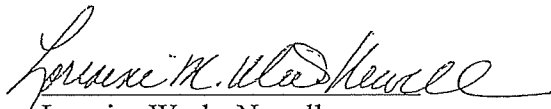
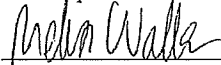

Town Clerk – David Kent Young

Approved:


Moderator – Diana Stigger

Approved by the Stratton School Directors


Thomas Montemagni

Allison Young

Kellie Delia-Laskin


Lorraine Weeks-Newell

Melissa Walker



American Red Cross
Northern New England Region

October 14, 2020

Town of Stratton
Attn: Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 5360

Dear Friends,

I hope you are well during these uncertain times. As you know, our mission at the American Red Cross is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors. Established in 1881, the American Red Cross serves under the core principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, unity, and universality. These principles ground us and inspire us as we carry out our mission across the country, and right here at home.

Over the past year, the American Red Cross of Northern New England has succeeded in providing the following throughout the region:

- We assisted a local family in the face of disaster, on average, **once every 17 hours**, helping nearly **2,000 individuals**.
- We installed more than **4,500** smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in homes through our Home Fire Campaign.
- Trained **31,400** people in first aid, CPR, and water safety skills.
- We collected **135,000** units of blood. Hospitals throughout Northern New England depend on the American Red Cross for these collections.
- In our region, over **3,200** service members and veterans received supportive services through our Service to the Armed Forces department.

As we carry on through the pandemic, the American Red Cross remains committed to safely providing relief and support. We do this with the help of our incredible volunteers and donors, including you, our friends in Stratton. *This year, we respectfully request a municipal appropriation of \$500.00.* These funds will be used right here in our region so that we can continue to serve your friends and neighbors during these unprecedented times.

For more information about the work we've been doing in your area, please refer to the attached Impact Sheet for Windham County. If you have any questions, please call us at 1-800-464-6692 or supportnne@redcross.org.

While we know the world may feel uncertain at present, rest assured that the American Red Cross will always be there to help and support local communities.

Warmly,

Rachel Zelle
Development Specialist

American Red Cross of Northern New England
www.redcross.org/nne

October 26, 2020
P.O. Box 428
Burlington, VT 05402-0428

Selectboard Members
% Town Clerk
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05155

Re: Appropriation request of \$250 to support volunteer statewide music office

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members:

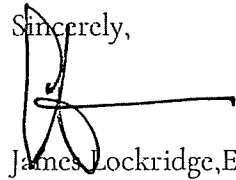
Big Heavy World is a volunteer-run independent statewide music office and archive of Vermont-made music, working to inclusively promote and preserve all kinds of music made across Vermont. Its work is designed to serve all Vermont musicians, inclusive of artists of all styles in every Vermont town. The organization was founded in 1996 and manages many ongoing and special projects that make Vermont's music community and economy stronger, while reminding everyone how talented and meaningful to us our creative Vermonters are.

Artists from all across Vermont are invited to be a part of our work. We manage an archive that currently holds about 5,000 Vermont-made recordings; a community radio station that plays original Vermont-made music 24/7 between its volunteer DJs; a website about Vermont's music sector; and a new award-winning tiny museum of Vermont music history. Our recent special projects include a statewide economic survey and action plan; professional development workshops hosted in partnership with Vermont's theater and dance communities, including topics of digital marketing, fundraising, streaming, and getting press exposure; a prominent speaker was brought to Vermont to present about skills-building to prevent identity-related harassment in public spaces; we co-hosted a statewide virtual prom with Vermont Public Radio and the Vermont Agency of Education; we brought a seventeen-year-old Vermont songwriter into a national songwriting project; hosted a virtual music festival with performances from studios located across the state; and have addressed our music community's needs with our broadcasting and streaming infrastructure throughout the ongoing public health crisis. We are presently working with an ACCD Restart Vermont Marketing grant to promote shopping for local music in stores and online with a campaign to launch in November, and have recently begun making special efforts to include and highlight Vermont's BIPOC artists on our radio station.

In September the organization also received the tremendous international honor of juried recognition as the 'Best Global Music Office,' in competition with top nominees from Memphis and Australia, presented by Music Cities Events, a worldwide consultancy for music-related community and economic development.

We hope our grass roots work makes you proud of Vermont's can-do spirit and our extraordinary arts community, of which you and the musicians of your town are a part. Thank you for considering this request for \$250 to support the operating costs of Big Heavy World in the coming fiscal year (our 25th); we are deeply grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Lockridge', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

James Lockridge, Executive Director
jim@bigheavyworld.com; (802) 865-1140

P.S. Attachments include a questionnaire that we completed for the Town of East Montpelier, which may provide information that contributes to your decision-making process.



Dear Sending Town School Boards and Residents:

This letter is to announce that Burr and Burton Academy's sending town tuition will increase by 2.8%, to \$18,490, an increase driven primarily by a 10% increase in the cost of medical insurance. In considering our tuition, we share the following thoughts:

As we near Town Meeting Day 2021, we also approach the one-year anniversary of Covid disrupting our lives, shutting down our businesses, and closing our schools. On March 16, 2020, BBA made the decision to shift to remote learning. Because we had been preparing for this possibility, only two days later, we were able to reopen as an online school. We transitioned to online classes, we held virtual meetings, we gathered via zoom and other platforms; we even created an online spring musical, *Hair*, that was amazingly well done. We focused on what we could do rather than what we couldn't, and we culminated the school year with a senior fire truck parade, individual cap-and-gown ceremonies for each senior, and a drive-up commencement at the Bromley parking lot complete with a huge diamond vision screen.

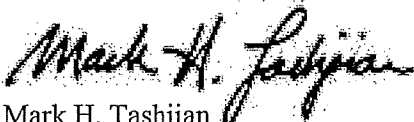
This past fall, we opened the school year using marquee tents as outdoor classrooms, video conferencing technology for every class, enhanced ventilation and cleaning protocols, and an absolute commitment to safely bring students back on campus, in person. We recognized that the steps would be costly (we have incurred over \$500,000 in extraordinary Covid-related expenses this year), and we have met the financial challenges by increased fundraising and tapping our cash reserves. Our entire faculty and staff accepted a salary freeze in recognition of these financial challenges and uncertainties.

We have navigated through the school year operating in hybrid fashion to reduce the density in our classrooms while still encouraging the essential student-teacher bond that is a hallmark of a BBA education. Our teachers have faced extraordinary challenges and have demonstrated flexibility, resilience, and care. Through it all, BBA students are showing an indomitable spirit as they roll with the punches, embrace BBA for what it is today, and struggle - and mostly succeed - with hybrid learning. Their efforts and successes inspire our efforts and successes and remind us what we knew all along: a caring, supportive community is the foundation for great education.

We have done our absolute best to contain costs while meeting the arduous challenges of the current school year. With a Covid vaccine on the horizon, the future is bright, but there is no getting around the 10% increase in healthcare costs, an increase experienced by all schools throughout Vermont.

We sincerely appreciate the tremendous support we have received throughout this school year, and we ask for your support and your vote to continue as an appreciated and valued BBA sending town.

Respectfully submitted


Mark H. Tashjian
Headmaster


Ed Campbell
Chair, Board of Trustees



Jamaica/Wardsboro
COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
Hunger has no place in our community

Town of Stratton Selectboard
Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

December 18, 2020

To the Board:

The Community Food Pantry respectfully requests funds from the Town of Stratton in the amount of \$500 for FY 2022. Hunger has no place in our community and your continued support of the Community Food Pantry is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Diane Allen
Coordinator

Emergency Contact & Information:

Diane Allen • 874-4175
P.O. Box 7
Jamaica, VT 05343

The Community Food Pantry Inc. is a 501-c-3 organization: #03-0346100
www.communityfoodpantryvt.org



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 22 Stowe Hill Rd.
 Wilmington, VT 05363
 Follow us on Facebook- DeerfieldValleyRescue

802-464-5557 Office
 802-464-4728 Fax
 www.dvrescue.org

September 30, 2019

Town Of Stratton
 9 Jamaica Road
 Stratton, VT 05360

To Whom It May Concern:

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. provides emergency ambulance service to part of the town of Stratton. DVR is a volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to providing 24/7 quality pre-hospital emergency medical care and transport to the people of our community. The core of our agency is made up of approximately 20 volunteers, two full time paid staff and part time seasonal attendants.

At this time Deerfield Valley Rescue is requesting for appropriation of \$2,000.00 from the Town of Stratton. This would be for the July 2021- June 30th 2022 fiscal year.

If the select board or budget committee has questions please feel free to contact us we would be happy to answer any questions.

Deerfield Valley Rescue, Inc. would like to thank you for your consideration of this contribution it is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Heidi S. Taylor
 Business Administrator, DVR

PROUDLY SERVING

Wilmington	<input type="checkbox"/>	West Dover	<input type="checkbox"/>	East Dover	<input type="checkbox"/>	Searsburg
Somerset	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marlboro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Whitingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Halifax



What is DVFiber?

DVFiber exists because of advocacy. For years, Vermonters around the state have decried the lack of reliable internet mixed with disinterested corporate provider response. Because Vermont is largely rural, financial incentives to serve every home and business simply do not exist for large or small corporate providers.

Communications Union Districts (CUDs) were first authorized under Vermont law in 2015. ECFiber became the first CUD in 2016, after operating as an association of towns since 2008. In June 2019, Gov. Scott signed H.513, which significantly expanded state support for CUDs, including planning grants, loan guarantees, and technical assistance from the Public Service Department. At Town Meeting 2020, the Deerfield Valley Communications Union District (DVCUD) sprang to life after strong ye a votes in Halifax, Marlboro, Stratton, Whitingham, and Wilmington. Work began immediately. Since March, fourteen more towns have expanded the district. Across the State, eight other CUDs are functioning at this point.

Each town sends one representative and one or more alternates to the governing board, which meets monthly. The governing board oversees all development, plans, and operations. Three committees, comprised of board members and community residents, move the work forward. They are our Vendor, Finance, and Communications Committees. Everyone involved volunteers time and energy.

DVFiber is the name of the service organization that DVCUD is creating. DVFiber is a municipality that functions like a not-for-profit business that is rapidly transforming into a regional service organization to secure reliable, affordable high speed access to the Internet. To date, DVFiber is powered by grants received from the Vermont Public Service Department, the federal government, Vermont Community Foundation, the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation, and a number of private funders. We are guided by a business plan produced by the Windham Regional Commission. This plan includes an engineering plan, market analysis, sequence and schedule of work, finance models, and estimated construction costs, which will be considerable. Many who read this report may become disheartened when they understand the likely time it will take to bring broadband to their homes and businesses. But for the first time we have a path to the possible when there was none before.

Because DV Fiber cannot use tax money, we will undertake a continuous effort to fundraise, write grants, and advocate with State and Federal Legislatures for continued build-out financing until we are delivering high speed internet service to all home and business customers and our revenue streams are sufficient to offer municipal bonds.

Please visit our web site at dvfiber.net for a more complete description of our work. We are actively looking for volunteers to add to our already talented pool. If you have even a few hours per month and like to write, have a technology background, financial or organizational support experience, we would welcome you to join with your town representative Betsy Wadsworth and alternates Candie Bernard and Alyson Peterson to continue our work.

Thanks to everyone as we construct this increasingly essential service.

Ann Manwaring, Chair
Wilmington Representative
dvfiber.net

October 27, 2020

Stratton Selectboard
Town of Stratton
% Kent Young, Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Members of the Stratton Selectboard,

On behalf of all Grace Cottage patients (quite a few of whom are from Stratton!) we hope that you will please consider adding the following warning in your 2020 Annual Report, for consideration at Town Meeting in March, 2021:

“To see if the Town of Stratton will vote to raise \$7,000 by taxation for Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital.”

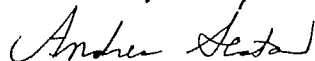
This amount is identical to the appropriation approved at Town Meeting 2020.

All of our services are available for residents, second homeowners, and visitors to Stratton. The town of Stratton has consistently approved Grace Cottage appropriations requests over the years.

Grace Cottage Family Health & Hospital is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation which depends on the generosity of supporters to keep it going, especially in view of the cutbacks in Medicare/Medicaid and insurance reimbursements that continue, year after year.

We appreciate your on-going support.

Sincerely, *and with great appreciation*



Andrea Seaton
Director, Development & Community Relations

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802-365-4331

Grace Cottage Hospital
802-365-7357

Grace Cottage Rehabilitation
802-365-3637

Messenger Valley Pharmacy
802-365-4117



Vermont Green Up Inc.
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 (802) 229-4586
 greenup@greenupvermont.org

Town of Stratton
 9 West Jamaica Rd.
 Stratton, VT 05360

9/30/2020

Dear Town:

Thank you for your past appropriation for Green Up Vermont, your help is crucial to sustain our mission of cleaning up our roads and waterways. Your contribution is greatly appreciated! As Green Up rolls into our 51st year, we are again requesting your continued support for 2021.

For your convenience, below is an invoice in the amount you appropriated last year. Please note that many towns allocate money through their Road Line budget each year. The amount requested is based on town population:

- 0- 1,000: \$50
- 1001 - 2000: \$100
- 2001 - 3000: \$150
- 3001 – 4,000: \$200
- 4,001 up: \$300

Green Up Vermont is a private, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote and organize a statewide clean-up day, always the first Saturday in May, and to raise public awareness and stewardship for a litter free environment. Quick litter stats from 2020: Nearly 14,000 volunteers, 241 tons of litter and over 9,000 tires were collected.

Most importantly, amidst a global pandemic, Vermonters felt Green Up Day was the one event that shouldn't ever be cancelled and found safe ways to continue this civic service to their communities.

Mark your calendar for Green Up Day 2021, May 1st and help us celebrate 51 years of keeping Vermont green! Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I look forward to working with you again. Thank you!

Kate Alberghini
 Executive Director

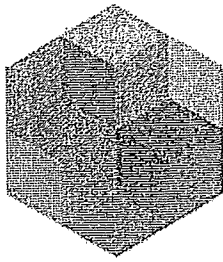
Invoice #: 1102

Terms: Due on receipt

Description	Amount
2021 Green Up Day Town Giving	50.00

Vermont Green Up Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization

Green Up Vermont's mission is to promote the stewardship of our state's natural landscape and waterways and the livability of our communities by involving people in Green Up Day and raising public awareness about the health, economic and visual benefits of a litter-free environment year-round.



groundworks
COLLABORATIVE

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

November 2, 2020

Dear Stratton Selectboard Members,

Please accept this letter as Groundworks Collaborative's request for continued financial assistance in the upcoming year from the Town of Stratton. Despite the steadily growing demand for our services, we are requesting a level-funded contribution in the amount of \$500.

Groundworks provides ongoing support to families and individuals facing a full continuum of housing and food insecurities. Specifically, we provide the following services, all of which are available to residents of Stratton:

- Year-round shelter for families and individuals experiencing homelessness
- Our region's Seasonal Overflow Shelter – open each night from November through April
- Our region's most heavily utilized food shelf program – Foodworks; and
- Supportive services, including housing case management and a Representative Payee service.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on contributions like yours to bolster our work supporting our neighbors experiencing homelessness and food insecurity.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact me. Many thanks for your support in helping us achieve our mission meeting basic needs with dignity.

Sincerely,

Libby Bennett
Director of Development & Communications
lbennett@GroundworksVT.org | 802-490-2951

basic needs met with dignity

PO Box 370, Brattleboro, VT 05302 | GroundworksVT.org | 802.490.2951

December 1, 2020

Request for Support from the Town of Stratton

Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS) requests an appropriation of \$500.00 from the Town of Stratton at the 2021 Town Meeting to help support same day access to our services for residents of your community. This funding will support our Access Navigator positions, which allow us to provide mental health and substance abuse supports to residents when they need them. Same day access is now more essential than ever due to the increased anxiety experienced by so many during the COVID-19 pandemic. In the year ending June 30, 2020, our agency provided a comprehensive range of community based services to 3,903 people in Windsor and Windham counties. The services that are available to the residents of your community include:

Adult Mental Health and Addiction Services: HCRS offers comprehensive services for adults who are experiencing mental health and/or substance abuse difficulties. These services include assessment of need, treatment, referral services, and limited psychiatric services. HCRS is committed to building on the strengths of the individuals we serve. Our goal is to help clients and their families achieve improved wellness, health, and quality of life while addressing their mental health and substance abuse needs.

Children, Youth, and Families Program: We provide a comprehensive system of care for youth of all ages who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, developmental, or substance use difficulties in their life, as well as education and support for family members. We offer many services including psychiatry, counseling, case management, respite services, school-based services, behavioral consultation services, summer therapeutic programs, and employment assistance for older youth.

Kindle Farm School: Our alternative school in Newfane serves boys in grades 2 – 12, who are unable to remain in a traditional classroom setting. Kindle Farm uses a unique approach of strong relationships, a low student to staff ratio, and hands-on learning experiences to engage these students, many of whom are able to return to their sending schools after learning new skills.

Developmental Services (DS): The DS program provides services to people with developmental disabilities and their families. Services are available to people of all ages who have been found eligible, and each person served receives an individualized program to meet their unique needs.

Residential Services: HCRS offers residential care including short term crisis stabilization, intensive residential care, and therapeutic community residential services. Each program is specifically designed to offer individuals an appropriate level of care to support their personal recovery and wellness needs.

Emergency Services: This team has a very specific mission to act quickly in critical situations. Specially trained mental health professionals are available 24 hours a day for emergencies. Anyone may use this service when an emergency arises including individuals of any age, family or friends of an individual in crisis, hospitals and nursing homes, police, schools, clergy, businesses, and other community agencies.

We thank the Board and the citizens of Stratton for your past support and for your continued interest in Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont.

For inclusion in 2020 Town Report:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

The Historical Society of Windham County was founded in 1927 to collect, preserve and present our County's heritage for present and future generations.

In 1936, the Museum was built in Newfane to house the extensive collection originating from all the towns in the County. This now contains over 8,000 artifacts which are displayed in changing interpretative exhibits. The Museum's archives of manuscripts and documents are also available for research or special interests. School visits are encouraged.

With the completion of the 1880 Newfane Railroad Station restoration in 2018, the Historical Society of Windham County is now the steward of both the Windham County Museum and the West River Railroad Museum. The restored Railroad Station provides a visual and accessible presentation for a broad audience, as well as an engaging teaching tool for educators and parents.

This year, COVID-19 restrictions required the cancellation of the Historical Society's scheduled events and educational programs. However, with extra precautions in place under the State's guidelines, the Society was able to open its doors to visitors, just as it has for decades. In addition, the Society prepared for and accommodated more families with homeschoolers who made special appointments for tours of the Museums.

Throughout the decades, admission to our County Museum has always been free. The same is true for all of the special programs, presentations as well as research provided by the Historical Society of Windham County. None of this comes free for us however, and clearly we couldn't do it without the support of our community. We hope you share our belief that all our towns would be poorer if our rich local history was ever lost.

Please visit our website for more information, and the latest news and schedule of events: www.historicalsocietyofwindhamcounty.org. The County Museum and the West River Railroad Museums are open Saturdays and Sundays from Noon to 5:00, from Memorial Day weekend until mid-October, as well as by appointment. (The County Museum is also open Wednesdays, Noon - 4:00.) Inquiries are fielded year-round

We thank you for your support.

LONDONDERRY VOLUNTEER RESCUE SQUAD

PO Box 911, Londonderry, VT 05148

December 19, 2020

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, Vermont 05360

Dear Select Board:

The Londonderry Volunteer Rescue is proud to provide emergency medical services to the Town of Stratton along with the towns of Landgrove, Londonderry, Peru, Weston, Windham and Winhall.

Our dedicated squad of about forty members is available day and night for emergency calls. We are licensed EMS professionals on many levels who undergo extensive training, initially to gain our respective CPR, EMR, EMT, AEMT and Paramedic licenses, then to maintain them with additional hours of training on a bi-annual basis. Our rescue truck, MCI trailer and ambulances are equipped with medical equipment according to state and national standards. We stand ready to serve our communities at a moment's notice with no personal compensation whatsoever.

Due to the generosity of our member towns and community members, no one is billed for our services; however, we do have significant expenses totaling \$275,602 in this year of Covid-19.

Again, we ask for the same donation as last year of \$2,500.00.

Sincerely,

LVRS Executive Committee



January 4, 2021

To: The Mountain School at Winhall Sending Towns
Winhall, Stratton, Dover, Wardsboro

Re: Tuition for the 2021-22 School Year

Dear Sending Town School Boards, Superintendents, and Communities:

On Thursday, December 10, 2020 the Mountain School at Winhall's Board of Trustees approved its 2021-22 tuition rate to be set at the state average tuition for grades K – 6 and the state average tuition for grades 7 & 8.

MSW understands that although the cost of education continues to increase, so do the financial pressures faced by the taxpayers of our sending towns. We truly value our relationships with our sending towns and are pleased to be working with you to provide a quality education to your children at an affordable cost.

Thank you very much for your support. We appreciate your partnership with us very much.

Sincerely,

Colleen A. Palmer, Ph.D.
Head of School

Town Report 2020

As we continue to address the ongoing and evolving pandemic, we are grateful for community support. This has been a trying time for everyone, and we cannot overstate the pain suffered by COVID-19 patients and family members. We share in the stress of isolation, canceled events, and daily challenges.

Our amazing staff has adjusted to changing recommendations and new working conditions, all while managing online learning for children at home and enhanced restrictions. Our providers have been called upon to provide COVID testing and specialized transport of COVID patients. Our daily activities focus on use of protective equipment and decontamination of our ambulances and buildings. These activities help to minimize the spread of the disease. We know that keeping ourselves healthy will let us better serve the community.

As front-line health care workers, our staff has been receiving vaccinations that will likely bring an end to the pandemic. We are hopeful and stand ready to assist the health department in vaccinating all those that wish to receive the vaccine in our communities.

I am pleased to report that even with the immense challenges of 2020, Rescue has been able to provide consistent quality EMS services to all our member towns. In fact, we have been able to respond to every request for emergency response in our area and have been able to help our neighbors from time to time. Rescue was awarded the 2020 Advanced Life-Support Service of the Year award as well as an award from the American Heart Association for outstanding cardiac care. We also started a first of its kind ultrasound program in Vermont. We are extremely proud of our accomplishments as an organization and the amazing EMTs and Paramedics that provide exceptional care.

We know that the year to come will continue to be difficult for our staff and communities we serve. As we enter our 55th year as the regions' ambulance service provider we remain committed to providing the service you have come to expect. We stand ready to respond with skill and expertise to your medical or traumatic emergency, to flooding or lost persons, to test for COVID or vaccinate the community. Please follow us on Facebook for pandemic response updates.



Drew Hazelton



December 15, 2020

Town of Stratton
Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Via Email: townclerk@townofstrattonvt.com

Dear Mr. Young,

I am sending this request to you for submission to the Town of Stratton Selectboard.

Senior Solutions requests \$500 from the Town of Stratton to be appropriated at the March 2021 Town Meeting. We appreciate the continued support of your residents.

Please continue to appoint an interested representative to our Advisory Council every year. This helps us identify local needs and connect with those who will benefit from our services. I am enclosing information about Advisory Council responsibilities, and would be happy to discuss the Advisory Council with you, the Selectboard or any interested community member.

If you need further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Carol Stamatakis
Executive Director

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(802)885-2655 Fax (802)885-2665 Toll Free (866)673-8376
Senior HelpLine (800)642-5119
www.SeniorSolutionsVT.org

SeVEDS Impact Statement for Town Reports – 2021

SeVEDS, founded in 2007 as an affiliate of the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC), takes a proactive approach to long-term regional economic development. Improving wages, attracting and keeping people in the region, and fostering a healthy regional jobs base are critical and beyond the capacity of any single community to substantially affect. SeVEDS creates strategies and attracts resources to help us act together to build a vibrant regional economy. **BDCC, Southeastern Vermont's Regional Development Corporation, develops and implements these strategies.** We use municipal funding in three key ways:

- (1) To **fund implementation** of programs & projects.
- (2) For **capacity**. We use SeVEDS regional municipal funds to create programs (see below), conduct research and planning, secure and administer grants, and to help regional partners - last year we helped bring another \$2.7 Million directly to other organizations – towns, businesses and non-profits (not including COVID relief).
- (3) As **seed funding** to leverage bringing more money into the region (in FY20 we administered \$635,699 of federal and state funding for BDCC & SeVEDS programs and projects)

Background & Request

Our work is guided by the 2019 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), a 5 year regional plan with simple goals: **Strengthen Business, Support People**. The CEDS, available online at www.seveds.com, is developed by the regions people and businesses. SeVEDS requests funding at \$3.00 per person from all 27 towns we serve to support this work. In 2020, sixteen communities funded SeVEDS, representing 82% of Windham residents. **Therefore, we are asking the Town of Stratton to appropriate \$648.00 (based on a population of 216) to support SeVEDS.**

2020 Pandemic Response

SeVEDS history includes leading regional economic development, and recovery, with strategy and insight. We took a leading role on charting the path for economic response and recovery for both Tropical Storm Irene and the closure of the VY Nuclear Plant. During the pandemic, BDCC adapted our regular programming to the current conditions, and to emerging needs. In March, we shift staff from full-time CEDS driven program work into the COVID-19 Impact team which provided support directly to regional establishments and entrepreneurs. We remain focused on ensuring pandemic relief for small businesses and non-profits is understood and accessed locally. This has helped, and is still helping, direct resources to the Windham Region and to Stratton:

- 386 businesses in the Windham Region received liaison support from BDCC to apply for federal and state relief. 2 were Stratton businesses working with BDCC liaisons to navigate the pandemic.
- 8 Stratton businesses with 26 employees received \$348,019 in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans <\$150k and another business with 34 employees received an award between \$150-350k.
- *We have provided 15 webinars so far specific to COVID-19 Resiliency, along with How-to-Zoom webinars, municipal trainings on short and long term impacts of COVID-19.*
- *We convene twice monthly **Business Economic Resiliency Webinars** to ensure local people can be heard and get answers directly from legislators and state and federal officials.*
- *We convene twice monthly **Windham Resiliency Team Webinars** so local officials have direct access to up to date information on economic recovery programs, direct access to their Windham and Federal delegations, and that needs for Windham County's COVID-19 economic recovery consistently heard.*

Regular Programming

SeVEDS helps fund the following initiatives which stem from the CEDS strategies and SeVEDS research:

- **Capacity-building for communities.** BDCC's Southern Vermont Economy Project which helps towns and non-profits improve community vibrancy through local projects. Since 2017 we've provided 100+ trainings with over 2,000 participants, plus 43 online webinars to help solve problems and find resources. This fall we provided a Funders Roundtable and Grant Writing workshop to connect towns with the resources they need to achieve local goals, and help local officials and volunteers build the relationships and skills.
- **Direct technical assistance** - we help communities with **Community Facilities** projects through our USDA CF program which supports everything from planning through construction for town buildings, libraries, childcare and other essential facilities. We help communities with grant applications and fund-finding, and with running online meetings.
- **The Pipelines and Pathways Program (P3)** which operates in the regional high schools and serves all students who attend these. P3 was in full swing from September to March, with field trips, mock interview and professionalism workshops and career awareness classes. When COVID-19 halted in-person classes and field trips, P3 Pivoted to provide online resume and interview training for LNA students at Vermont Technical College as they entered the job market. This fall P3 is bringing online career content to the regional high schools through Flexible Pathways so students graduate with skills they need to navigate the working world.
- We conduct survey-based research to identify promising career pathways in this region to increase access by underemployed, unemployed and young workers to jobs that will allow them to thrive here. Please check out our three new **Hiring Needs Assessments** at the BDCC web site: Accounting and bookkeeping, manufacturing and production, and CDL Drivers.
- **Southern Vermont Young Professionals**, puts on monthly networking events, annual financial wellness and homebuyer trainings, and now a professional development scholarship fund.
- **BDCC Paid Internships** has placed 109 interns since 2014, visited over 20 campuses since 2017, and worked with over 175 employers. 25% of interns are hired on to stay. We place regional college students of all ages, and students returning for summer or for good.
- **Recruitment and Retention** - to welcome people to the region. We've recently launched the Southern Vermont Welcome Wagon chapter to connect local hosts with newcomers and returning Vermonters.
- BDCC's Workforce Center of Excellence is building a **regional workforce development system** connecting people with opportunities, and employers with people. We help fund or run a diverse range of workforce training programs that invest in people.
- In addition to relief and recovery, we continue to deliver innovative services, lending and technical assistance for **small businesses and startups** through INSTIG8 and REGENER8 for succession planning. In FY20 we supported employers that provide 25-30% of the jobs in this region, and dozens of local sole proprietors.
- SeVEDS & BDCC visit every community, listen and learn, and keep adapting to serve you.


SOUTHERN VERMONT
Therapeutic Riding Center

3 Cross Country Circle – Wilmington, VT 05363

www.sovtrc.org

(802) 221- 4409

December 21, 2020

Mr. D. Kent Young
Town Clerk
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Mr. Young,

As a representative of Southern Vermont Therapeutic Riding Center, I am writing to request consideration for an appropriation of \$750 from Stratton for FY21. We currently serve 21 clients from Southern Vermont, with several who reside in Stratton and neighboring towns. Along with the care of our equine team and equipment maintenance, we underwrite the cost of lessons for many of our participants. Without subsidies, these people with special needs would be unable to afford to participate.

SVTRC's mission is to enrich, educate and expand the lives of individuals with special needs through Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT). Founded in 2010 in Newfane, we are a Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship (PATH International) Member Center and a nonprofit corporation under IRS code 501(c) (3). In 2016, SVTRC moved to Wilmington; since the move, Executive Director, Amber Thibodeau has led the program, and we have hired a second, part-time instructor. The Board of Directors is comprised of seven dedicated volunteer members from surrounding towns.

SVTRC offers EAAT to participants aged 4 and older with varying special needs including Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Multiple Sclerosis, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorders, Spinal Cord Injuries, Blindness, Intellectual Disability, Cerebral Palsy and Anxiety. Our program started with just a few individual riders and each year, we have increased the number of people we serve. We intend to continue that trend, offering this important intervention to more people in the community.

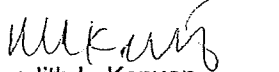
SVTRC offers lessons throughout the year focusing on three distinct programs:

- *Therapeutic Riding* - developing riding skills and providing exercise to individuals with physical, cognitive and emotional needs
- *Horsemanship* - learning basic horse care, safety and behavior
- *Vocational Education* - developing career skills in horsemanship, horse care and behavior

The goal is for the participant to improve coordination, balance, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral skills, while progressing in equestrian skills. Lessons include both mounted and unmounted activities with the horse in our indoor arena, in the outdoor ring, or on the trail.

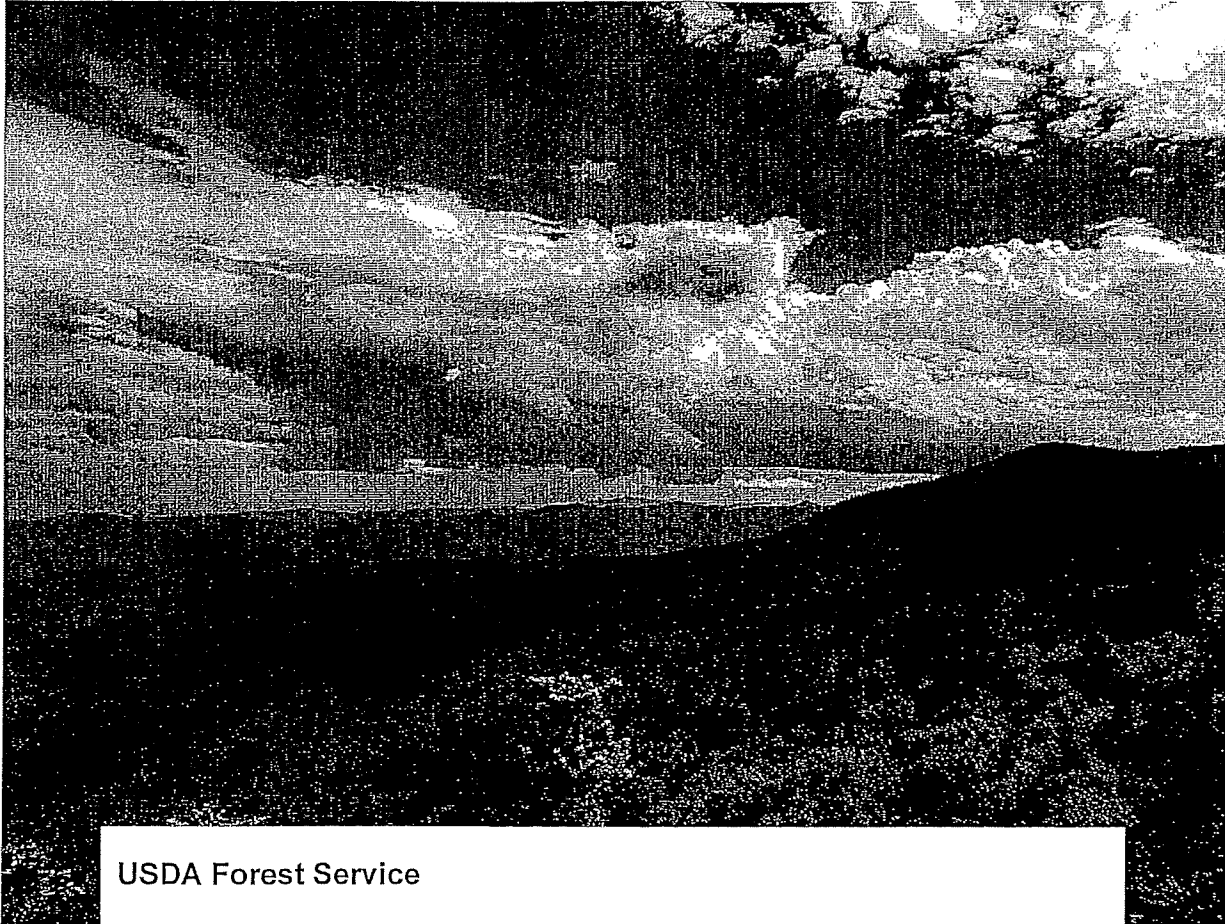
Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for more information.

Respectfully,


Meredith L. Kenyon
SVTRC board member, volunteer, and participant
West Townshend, VT
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MeredithLKenyon@gmail.com



United States Department of Agriculture



USDA Forest Service

Green Mountain National Forest

Town Meeting Report

This Report can be viewed on the Town Website

www.townofstrattonvt.com

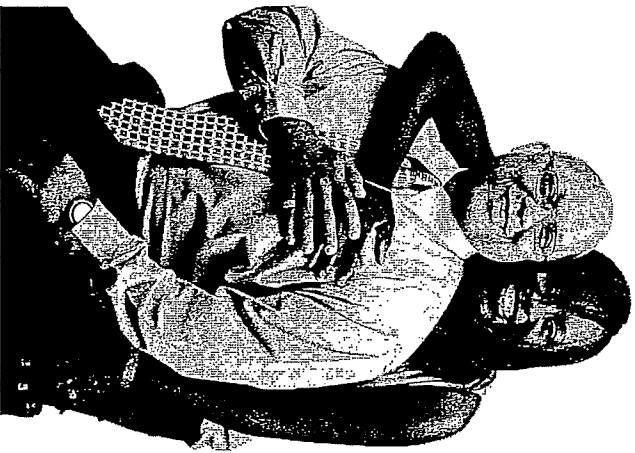
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for my fellow Veterans—not taking them away."

OFF/OIF Veteran, Nashua, NH

Reginald, Desert Storm Veteran, and Josephine, Kuwait Veteran



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Maine	Augusta Bangor Biddeford Calais Caribou Fort Kent Houlton Lewiston Lincoln Portland Rumford Saco	Rhode Island	Providence	Vermont	Burlington Burlington Newport Rutland White River Junction

If you are interested in contacting one of our Community-Based Outreach Clinics, please call the VA Medical Center nearest you.

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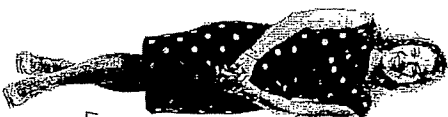
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Valley Cares

P.O. Box 341 • Townshend, VT 05353
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December 14, 2020

Re: humanitarian request

Dear Selectboard,

Valley Cares is very grateful for the generous support that residents of Stratton have given our organization and the seniors we serve. We respectfully request \$335 in continued support from the Town of Stratton at Town Meeting in 2021.

This year has been unlike any other we have seen. But at Valley Cares, the staff have worked hard to provide quality, compassionate care to our residents during this unprecedented time. From continuously implementing infection prevention protocols to organizing face time chats with loved ones, one on one room visits, and specialized activity programming; our staff continues to be a friendly face and a caring light to our residents and SASH participants.

It is an honor to serve residents of Stratton. Valley Cares helps seniors in Stratton remain safely in their homes; and if the time comes for them to move, we provide safe, affordable independent and assisted living options "right down the road."

Many of our services – such as our medical equipment lending program and our Support And Services at Home program – are offered free of charge to members of the Stratton community. Although we charge for housing and care services at West River Valley Senior Housing, we subsidize these costs because we recognize that seniors are on fixed incomes.

We are grateful for your financial assistance, which helps us to continue providing these services to residents of your community. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,



JoAnne C. Blanchard
Executive Director

At Valley Cares, it is our mission to provide high quality, affordable, housing and compassionate care allowing seniors to age in place with respect and dignity.

**THE VERMONT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING
TOWN OF STRATTON
SUMMARY REPORT**

Request Amount: \$500.00

For the past 41 years, The Vermont Center for Independent Living (VCIL) has been teaching people with disabilities and the Deaf how to gain more control over their lives and how to access tools and services to live more independently. VCIL employees (85% of whom have a disability) conduct public education, outreach, individual advocacy and systems change advocacy to help promote the full inclusion of people with disabilities into community life.

In FY'20 (10/2019-9/2020) VCIL responded to thousands of requests from individuals, agencies and community groups for information, referral and assistance and program services for individuals living with a disability. VCIL Peer Advocate Counselors (PACs) provided one-on-one peer counseling to **236** individuals to help increase their independent living skills and **5** peers were served by the AgrAbility program. VCIL's Home Access Program (HAP) assisted **124** households with information on technical assistance and/or alternative funding for modifications; **89** of these received financial assistance to make their bathrooms and/or entrances accessible. Our Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF) provided **61** individuals with information on assistive technology; **36** of these individuals received funding to obtain adaptive equipment. **573** individuals had meals delivered through our Meals on Wheels (MOW) program for individuals with disabilities under the age of 60. We are also home to the Vermont Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP) which served **41** people and provided **30** peers with adaptive telecommunications enabling low-income Deaf, Deaf-blind, Hard of Hearing and individuals with disabilities to communicate by telephone. Due to the pandemic VCIL was able to start a new (temporary) program, Resilience and Independence in a State of Emergency (RISE) which served **12** people in its first few months. The RISE Program can help provide an array of items or services if the needs are directly related to the Covid-19 epidemic.

VCIL's central office is located in downtown Montpelier and we have five branch offices in Bennington, Chittenden, Lamoille, Rutland and Windham Counties. Our PACs and services are available to people with disabilities throughout Vermont. Our Montpelier office also houses the Vermont Interpreter Referral Service (VIRS) and provides statewide interpreter referral services for sign language, spoken English and CART services for assignments in medical, legal, mental health, employment, educational, civil and recreational settings.

During FY'20, VCIL provided direct services to Vermont residents utilizing the following programs/services:

- Information, Referral and Assistance (I,R&A)
- Home Access Program (HAP)
- Meals on Wheels (MOW)
- Peer Advocacy Counseling (PAC)
- Sue Williams Freedom Fund (SWFF)
- Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program (VTEDP)

To learn more about VCIL, please call VCIL's toll-free I-Line at:
1-800-639-1522, or, visit our web site at **www.vcil.org**.



State of Vermont
Department of Health
Brattleboro Local Health Office
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Brattleboro, VT 05301

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HealthVermont.gov

Vermont Department of Health Local Report

Brattleboro District, 2021

At the Vermont Department of Health our twelve Local Health District Offices around the state provide health services and promote wellness for all Vermonters. More info on your local health office can be found here: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/local>

COVID-19

2020 has been a challenging year for Vermonters. However, the Vermont Department of Health has been recognized as a national leader in managing the virus. This is what the Health Department has done in your community:

- COVID-19 Testing:
 - Since May 2020, the Health Department has provided no-cost Covid-19 testing. Through November 17, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health has held 509 testing clinics, testing 40,796 Vermonters. This important work helps to identify the spread of Covid-19 and is just one of the many ways your Health Department is promoting and protecting the health of Vermonters.
 - Statewide, 224,284 people have been tested as of November 30, 2020
- COVID-19 Cases:
 - As of November 25, 2020, Vermont had the fewest cases of COVID-19 and the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 population of all 50 states.
 - Statewide, as of November 30, 2020, there have been 4,172 cases of COVID-19
- Even more up-to-date information can be found on the Health Department's website: <https://www.healthvermont.gov/currentactivity>

Additional Programs

In addition to the COVID-19 response, the Health Department has programs such as influenza vaccinations and WIC.

- Flu Vaccinations: Protecting people from influenza is particularly important in 2020, as the flu may complicate recovery from COVID-19. (Data is as of November 17, 2020)
 - Approximately 213,00* Vermonters have been vaccinated against the flu this season *(Due to technology outages, flu vaccinations given are underreported by approximately 25%-33%.)
- WIC: The Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Education and Food Supplementation Program remains in full effect, though much of the work that was done in person is now being done remotely through TeleWIC. (Data is as of October 20, 2020)
 - 11,308 infants, children, and pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding people were served by WIC in Vermont, either in traditional format or TeleWIC

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October 7, 2020

Stratton town
Kent Young
9 W. Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360



Dear Select Board,

The mission of the Vermont Family Network is to empower and support all Vermont families of children with special needs. Formed in 2008 when two organizations, the Vermont Parent Information Center (VPIC) and Parent to Parent of Vermont (P2P) merged, Vermont Family Network has collectively served the families of Vermont for more than 30 years and created a virtual "one stop shop" for families of children with special needs and the providers who serve them.

We are writing you today to ask for your support in continuing to serve families in Stratton town and throughout the state, with an appropriation of \$250. Traditionally primarily funded through state and federal grants, we find that waning funds threaten to slow our work and minimize the number of families we can support. We are reaching out to communities like Stratton town where we have served many families to seek your help. Your appropriation will help ensure the work we are able to do all around the state continues to happen with the same excellence and care that it has for the past 30 years.

We are proud to serve over 1400 families yearly with expert information, referral and assistance services provided by family support consultants located in Williston, Newport and Rutland, an annual conference and much more through our Family Support Program.

Vermont Family Network is also home to Puppets in Education, an educational puppetry team who teach children and parents all around the state about important topics like bullying prevention, child abuse prevention and disability awareness through engaging performances that emphasize compassion, respect, effective leadership and communication. Each year almost 10,000 school children benefit from one of these educational programs.

Thank you so much for your consideration. The funding received will go a long way to ensuring our ability to continue to provide the much needed services to families all across the state. Please feel free to reach out to me at Claire.giroux-williams@vtfn.org, or 802-876-5315, ext. 105 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Giroux-Williams".

Claire Giroux-Williams
Development and Communications Manager
Vermont Family Network



Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force

Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
170 Lower Sumner Hill Road, Sumner, ME 04292
(802) 828-4582 | dryhydrantguy@yahoo.com | www.vacd.org

November 1, 2020

Re: **Request for Town Appropriation, Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program**

Dear Board of Selectpersons, Town Clerks and Auditors:

On behalf of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force, I am writing to request your support of the Vermont Rural Fire Protection (RFP) Program, formerly called the Dry Hydrant Grant Program. The RFP program helps Vermont communities protect lives, property and natural resources by enhancing fire suppression resources. Program Manager and Engineering Technician Troy Dare helps local fire departments identify appropriate sites for dry hydrants and other rural water supply systems, design installations, and find financial support to support the costs of construction. During the **23+ years** of the program, almost **1200 grants** totaling **\$2.6 million** have been provided to Vermont towns for installation of new rural fire protection systems, as well as for replacements and repairs.

The Rural Fire Protection Program has made a successful transition from the Northern Vermont and George D. Aiken Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Councils to the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD). VACD is the membership association of Vermont's fourteen Natural Resources Conservations Districts, whose mission is to work with landowners and communities to protect natural resources and support the working landscape throughout the state.

We have made several adjustments to the Rural Fire Protection Grant Program, including changing the name from Dry Hydrant Grant Program to Rural Fire Protection Program to better reflect the diverse range of projects we support. We have increased the maximum grant award amount from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per project. New rural fire protection systems, along with repair, replacement, relocation, upgrades of existing systems, and drafting site development, are eligible for grant funding on an ongoing basis. And we now consider applications from Vermont towns and fire departments on a revolving basis throughout the year rather than just once a year.

The annual expense of the Rural Fire Protection Program in FY 2020 was \$200,432, of which \$107,524 was paid in grants to Vermont communities for construction costs. The remaining budget covered site assessments, project design and program oversight. Most of our funding comes from the Vermont Department of Public Safety through annual appropriations by the Vermont Legislature. In addition, the program receives support from the US Forest Service through the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks

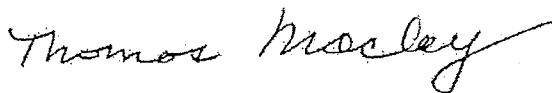
and Recreation. Unfortunately, these grants do not completely cover the costs of the program. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting that you include a \$100 appropriation in your town budget to support the Rural Fire Protection Program. Since last year's appropriation request, we have received nearly **\$10,000** in town appropriations from almost **100** towns, with contributions still coming in. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.

215 Vermont communities have benefitted from the Rural Fire Protection program. Our goal is to extend this support to all Vermont towns and continue to assist local fire departments in reducing the risk of injury, loss of life, and damage to property and natural resources, thereby improving the safety and welfare of Vermont communities.

Enclosed please find a summary report for the Rural Water Supply Grant Program, as well as an invoice and W-9 from VACD in case they are required. VACD's tax form 990 is also available upon request. Please feel free to contact me, Troy Dare, or Jill Arace, Executive Director of VACD, with any questions you may have. Our contact information is provided below. If you would like to receive this appropriation request by mail instead of by email, please contact Troy Dare.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Rural Fire Protection Task Force
(802) 426-3265 | 83creameryst@fairpoint.net

Troy Dare, Program Manager & contact person Town Appropriation business
Vermont Rural Fire Protection Program
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Jill Arace, Executive Director
Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD)
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Rural Fire Protection Task Force Members:

Tom Maclay, Chair, Marshfield VFD
Bill Sanborn, Vice-Chair, Town of Maidstone
Tyler Hermanson, VT Enhanced 9-1-1
Haley Pero, Senator Bernie Sanders' Office
Mike Greenia, Vermont Division of Fire Safety
Christine Kaiser, Stowe VT
Lars Lund, VT Forest Parks & Recreation Dept.

VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH
Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Stratton, VT

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is one of the oldest and largest non-profit providers of in-home healthcare services in the region. VNH is committed to providing the highest quality care throughout all stages of life, from maternal child care to end of life hospice care, and everything in between. Providing individuals and families with the care they need within the comfort of their own home allows them to maintain comfort and dignity throughout their time of care.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2019 and June 30, 2020 VNH made 62 homecare visits to 2 Stratton residents. This included approximately \$1314 in unreimbursed care to Stratton residents.

- **Home Health Care:** 62 home visits to 2 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, cholesterol testing, and flu shots. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic we were forced to suspend these services in March. Since then, we have been rethinking our community wellness programs to find a way to continue to offer them following the pandemic.

Stratton's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Hilary Davis, Director External Relations and Service Excellence

888-300-8853

Wardsboro Public Library
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170 Main Street
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6988
www.wardsboropubliclibrary.org
wardsboropubliclibrary@gmail.com

November 12, 2020

To the Town of Stratton,

The Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library deeply appreciate the continued financial support of the Town of Stratton. We count on the Town of Stratton along with the Town of Wardsboro and funds raised by the Trustees through our annual appeal to pay for the operating costs of the Library, such as books, supplies, telephone, computers, high-speed fiber optic WiFi, cleaning and special programs for adults and children. All of our fundraising special events since the beginning of the pandemic have been cancelled and it is uncertain when we will be able to plan for them again.

This year's request, for fiscal 2021-2022, is for \$5,735.00. This represents an increase of \$235.00 over the \$5,500.00 that the Town of Stratton appropriated to the Library in 2020-2021 and is an effort by the Trustees to keep up with estimated cost increases during fiscal 2021-2022.

We are grateful to the taxpayers, donors and patrons from both the Town of Stratton and the Town of Wardsboro for their continued support of our wonderful facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Backus, Carol Fay, Mark Fernandes, Sheri Lewis, Bob Stupp
Trustees of the Wardsboro Public Library

Wardsboro Fire and Rescue
PO Box 151
Wardsboro, VT 05355
(802) 896-6760 Non-Emergency

January 5, 2021

Town of Stratton Selectboard
9 West Jamaica Road
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear Stratton Selectboard members,

The members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for the town of Stratton's continued support of our department over the past years. As you are most likely aware, members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are dispatched on an automatic mutual aid basis to assist the Stratton Fire Department on fire and rescue calls in certain areas in the town of Stratton.

As in the past, the town of Stratton has included a request for appropriations for town meeting day. Would you kindly include the Wardsboro Volunteer Fire Department for a request of \$5000.00 and Wardsboro Rescue in the amount of \$5000.00 in your appropriations for the coming year?

Again, the members of the Wardsboro Fire and Rescue are grateful for your generous support in the past and look forward to assisting in serving your community in the future.

Respectfully,



Ron Betit, Chief



Duane Tompkins, President



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WINDHAM COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

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www.windhamcountyhumane.org

Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd
Stratton, VT 05360

Dear David,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Windham County Humane Society, thank you for the generous support from the town. WCCHS is blessed with a dedicated, hard working staff, and we are all very grateful for the support of our community.

The appropriation will go directly to support shelter functions, including our pet care assistance and adoption programs, and helps cover the daily cost of food, heat and veterinary care for the animals that come through our doors. WCCHS is 100% community funded – **other than grants, we receive no funding from national organizations or state or federal government.** That's why support from our local towns is so important to us.

We believe that our relationships with animals enrich our lives and communities. Thank you again for helping us to provide loving care, and to find loving homes, for the animals of Windham County.

Sincerely,

Annie Guion
Executive Director, WCCHS

Thank you!

Appropriation Amount: \$400.00

Check Date 10/26/2020

*Windham County Humane Society is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Federal Tax ID# 03-6016140
No goods or services were received in consideration of this gift.*



The Windham Regional Commission

The mission of the Windham Regional Commission (WRC) is to assist towns in Southeastern Vermont to provide effective local government and to work cooperatively with them to address regional issues. In the absence of county government, we provide an essential link between towns, the state, and the federal government. The region is comprised of 27 member towns: the 23 towns of Windham County; Readsboro, Searsburg and Winhall in Bennington County; and Weston in Windsor County.

The Commission, a political subdivision of the state, is composed of and governed by town-appointed Commissioners. Towns choose their own representatives to serve on the Commission. After town meeting, each Selectboard appoints up to two representatives to serve on the Commission for the coming year. Stratton is currently represented by Renee Mulkey and the second position remains vacant. Each Commissioner represents their town's interests before the Commission, brings information from the Commission back to their town, and serves on at least one of a number of WRC committees that address regional and municipal issues and concerns. Active service on these committees is very important because the WRC is organized around a strong committee structure. It's within these committees that most Commission decisions are made. All WRC meetings are open to the public and subject to Vermont open meeting law.

We assist towns with a number of different activities, including town plans and bylaws; community and economic development; local emergency and hazard mitigation planning, including flood hazard bylaw assistance; natural resources including assisting towns with watershed restoration projects and implementation of the state's new clean water law; town energy planning; transportation, including traffic counts (automotive, bicycles, pedestrian), inventories (bridges, culverts, signs, road erosion), road foremen training, and serving as a liaison with VTrans; redevelopment of "Brownfields" sites (sites that are or may be contaminated by hazardous substances); review of projects submitted for review through Act 250 (land use), Section 248 (energy generation and transmission, telecommunications), and federal permitting processes; grant application and administration; training of municipal officials and volunteers across a range of topics; and mapping and geographic information system (GIS) analyses. The maps in your town office were likely produced by us.

We help towns make the most of the financial and human resources they have both individually and collectively, assisting with projects between and among towns, building and augmenting the capacity of volunteer-based town boards and commissions, and providing professional services to towns that may want to take on a project that is beyond what they can comfortably manage with their own staff and volunteers. Our relationship with towns is inherently collaborative. For instance, towns choose to have their plans reviewed by the Commission; town plan review and approval by the WRC is not mandatory. The regional plan, which was updated in 2014 following a 2-year process, is developed in consultation with our towns, reflects town plan policies, and is ultimately approved by our towns.

Highlights from the past year reflect the range of services we provide to the towns of the region. We're collaborating with the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation and our counterparts in NH and MA to improve economic opportunity and household income. We provided assistance to 22 towns with plans, zoning, updating flood hazard area regulations, community revitalization and general town planning technical assistance. We're leading two renewable energy grant programs. We convened stakeholders and coordinated planning in support of an application for funds for fixed route transit service on Route 30. We developed evacuation planning templates for towns, and a model bylaw that integrates both flood hazard and river corridor requirements. We were successful in our application for an additional \$750,000 for our Brownfields program to assess and cleanup sites throughout the region. We've helped towns understand how the state Clean Water Initiative affects them, including town applications for grants to conduct road erosion inventories. We also continue to be the primary GIS and mapping resource for our towns. An annual report is available on our website (www.windhamregional.org). Click on the heading "About Us." We encourage you to visit your town's page on our website to see highlights of our work for you over the last two years, as well as your town's profile (<http://windhamregional.org/towns>). A video about the WRC is available on our homepage.

Funding for the WRC is provided through contracts with state agencies, federal grants, and town assessments. Town assessments make up a relatively small percentage of our budget; about 7% of a \$1.4 million budget for FY 2017. But it is the only funding we receive that has no conditions placed upon it by entities beyond the WRC's borders. Your town's assessment makes it possible for us to leverage the resources to serve you. The town's assessment for this year is \$477. To see our detailed Program of Work and budget for FY 2017, visit our website and click on the heading "About Us."



WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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2020
ANNUAL REPORT TO MEMBER TOWNS
BY BOB SPENCER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Wardsboro

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Wilmington

History and Current Status: The Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) was formed in 1988 with eight member towns. These towns cooperatively managed a 30-acre landfill on Old Ferry Road, Brattleboro, which closed in 1995. A regional materials recycling facility (MRF) was constructed adjacent to the closed landfill, and processed dual-stream recyclable materials for 20 years until it stopped operating in 2017. The recycling roll-off containers that WSWMD had provided to all of its member towns were no longer hauled and processed by WSWMD, and the towns assumed responsibility for complying with state recycling mandates. The roll-off containers are currently on loan to member towns at no charge. Besides the WSWMD transfer station, there are 7 towns that operate their own transfer station, three towns that provide residential curbside trash and recycling, three towns with 24-7 recycling drop-off areas, and five towns with no municipal trash or recycling services.

Financial Report: WSWMD finished fiscal year 2020 with a budget surplus of \$52,596, with total revenues of \$1,125,679 off-setting total expenses of \$1,025,025.

Transfer Station: The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated that WSWMD provides "essential services," and has continued full-scale operation. A comparison of the six-months from January - June in 2019 versus 2020 documented \$49,000 more revenue in 2020.

The staff stepped up to keep the transfer station operating with significant new safety protocols. Only the ever-popular Swap Shop suspended operation. The transfer station is a regional drop-off center for landfill materials, recyclables, organics/food scraps, construction & demolition debris, scrap metal, and appliances. The transfer station diverts 76% of all materials to recycling and composting, including electronics, fluorescent tubes, ballasts, lead-acid and household batteries, waste oil and oil filters, oil-based paint and other paint products, sharps, textiles, books, and tires. Use of the transfer station is limited to residents and businesses from member communities and requires the purchase of an access sticker for \$40/year. The cost for trash disposal is \$3.00 per 33-gallon bag, or \$155/ton.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): The WSWMD MRF closed in July 2017 but continues to accept cardboard from commercial sources. Cardboard is baled (no sorting required) and sold. Eight towns continue to utilize the District's recycling roll-off containers and offer drop-off recycling services in their communities. Towns contract with private haulers to provide recycling services.

Trucking: Since closure of the MRF in 2017, WSWMD no longer collects recyclable materials from member towns, but retained a driver with a Class A CDL license that allows WSWMD to self-haul recyclables from our transfer station, scrap metal, and wood chips for the composting operation.

Composting Facility: Of all recyclable materials handled by the District, the only ones that are kept local are food scraps and yard debris. The food scrap composting facility is in its 7th year of operation and is the 2nd largest food scrap composting facility in Vermont. As the food scrap composting mandates of Act 148 have been phased in, the total quantity of food scraps

WINDHAM SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

processed at the site in 2020 approached 2,000 cubic yards per year, the maximum allowed by the state permit. The District is evaluating options to process additional quantities of organics. About 50% of the food waste is from the Town of Brattleboro curbside collection program, and the balance from commercial and institutional sources brought to the compost site by private trash haulers. The District sold more than 3,000 cubic yards of "Brattlegrow" compost in 2020 through retail distributors, as well as for construction projects. WSWMD donates compost for town projects, school, and community gardens.

Solid Waste Implementation Plan (SWIP): Household hazardous waste collection, education and outreach, as well as numerous other requirements, are mandated by State Law and contained in the District's SWIP. Membership in WSWMD makes towns compliant with state recycling mandates. On behalf of member towns, WSWMD submitted an amended SWIP this fall, and once approved by VT Agency of Natural Resources, it will be valid for 5 years.

Solar Array: WSWMD leases its closed and capped landfill to Greenbacker Capital who operate a 5 mega-watt solar array on the landfill. It is the largest group net-metered project in the state, and has contracted for 20 years with the towns of Brattleboro, Wilmington, Readsboro, Vernon, Wardsboro, Dummerston, Halifax, and Newfane; schools in Brattleboro, Vernon, Putney, and Marlboro; as well as Landmark College, Marlboro College, and the Brattleboro Retreat. The project provides significant cost savings for municipal and school budgets. Greenbacker Capital has a 20-year lease and pays the District a minimum of \$120,290/year for use of the landfill, as well as 50% of renewable energy credits, for total annual revenue of over \$250,000.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections: Due to the pandemic, WSWMD held just two household hazardous waste collection events, as mandated by VT ANR Materials Management Plan. Collections were held in Brattleboro and in Wilmington on October 24th, with 230 households from 17 District towns participating.

New HHW Depot: Due to the high costs of HHW event collections, WSWMD applied for a state grant to construct a permanent HHW collection facility at Old Ferry Road, and following approval of a state permit, it will open in Spring of 2021 for certain hours each week to serve all District residents. Small businesses will also be able to use the site by appointment.

Backyard Composting Demonstration Area: A new teaching area has been installed at the District demonstrating five different systems for composting food scraps at homes, schools, and community gardens. The District held an open house in October and will be offering workshops starting in the spring of 2021. The facility will be available for use by schools and community organizations as well. The District also conducts composting workshops in District towns as we did in Vernon this fall.

Business Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its business resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

School Outreach & Technical Assistance: The District continues to promote its school resources and free technical assistance, including food scrap diversion.

Special Event "Zero Waste" Outreach and Technical Assistance: WSWMD owns 20 event-sorting stations that are available to towns, businesses, residents, and institutions for use at fairs, festival, etc. In addition, WSWMD offers free technical assistance to help make events "Zero Waste."



Windham & Windsor Housing Trust (WWHT) is a non-profit organization founded in 1987, serving the residents of Windham and southern Windsor County. We provide housing for residents of low and moderate incomes, preserve and revitalize neighborhoods, help residents acquire their own homes, and generally improve the social, economic, and cultural health of communities of Windham and southern Windsor County.

WWHT's mission is to strengthen the communities of Southeast Vermont through the development and stewardship of permanently affordable housing and through ongoing support and advocacy for its residents.

The organization applies mission to practice through three branches: Homeownership, Housing Development, and Property Management. In 2020, the **Homeownership's** Home Repair Program assisted 43 homeowners by providing low cost loans to make critical repairs. The one-to-one counseling assisted 54 clients by navigating them through the purchase process to closing on their new home. The Shared Equity program has 135 homes currently and provides grants to income-eligible homebuyers to subsidize the purchase of single-family homes which lowers the cost to the homebuyer. Beyond these standard programs, the Homeownership department has acted quickly to administer the State's COVID Relief Funded Rehousing Recovery Program. This program granted funding for the rehab of 60 privately owned apartments which were formerly offline to bring them back on the market before the close of the year to provide safe and affordable housing. The newly rentable apartments are spread across the whole of Windham and Windsor Counties.

Housing Development: In order to meet the diverse housing needs of a community, WWHT develops affordable rental housing opportunities. This takes the form of both rehabilitation of existing housing and the construction of new apartments. 2020 brought progress towards the planned development in downtown Bellows Falls. This project, the Bellows Falls Garage, will introduce 27 new apartments to Downtown Bellows Falls, and contribute to the revitalization of this historic Vermont village. In 2021, WWHT is planning the rehabilitation of 26 apartments in Brattleboro and Windsor, comprising some of the oldest buildings in our portfolio. Breathing new life into these apartments will allow us to serve our residents into the coming decades. Alongside these projects, with the help of COVID Relief Funds, the Housing Trust has purchased the former Dalem's Chalet in West Brattleboro. In partnership with Groundworks Collaborative, the Chalet will provide permanent supportive housing to people in our community experiencing chronic homelessness.

Property Management: WWHT owns 867 residential properties and 16 commercial properties with rental apartments housing over 1500 tenants. We manage the rental properties in and near Brattleboro and contract with Stewart Property Management Services for the properties in northern Windham and Windsor Counties. WWHT takes pride in the appearance of our multi-family housing and is committed to providing the staff and financial resources necessary to ensure long-term health and safety for our residents as well as preservation of property values. This includes helping tenants access rent relief funding through the State. This year, over \$107,000 of rental relief was accessed. Although WWHT is a non-profit, we pay local property taxes on our rental properties and our shared-equity homeowners pay property taxes to the Towns and Villages.

For more information, please visit us on the web at www.homemattershere.org

Winhall Memorial Library - Annual Report

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

The library had a wonderful if challenging year! We learned to roll with the punches. The library evolved into an informational resource as well as an outlet for the community. We have adapted with the times and are continuing to serve our patrons, while offering materials and printing through outdoor pick-up and expanding our virtual services.

Thank you to the community for supporting your little town library!

Dawn Santos

Before the pandemic...

Book Discussion, Cookbook Club, Summer Reading, Take Your Child To the Library Day, Vermont Reads, Banned Books Week Video Celebration, Armchair Traveler Series, Artist Displays/Art Receptions, Quilt Raffle, The Mountain School Classroom visits, Monthly Community Luncheons in collaboration with the Winhall Community Arts Center, and much more!

We look forward to reopening and getting back to some semblance of normal again.



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Outdoor Pick-up of Books, Audiobooks, DVDs and Magazines; Printing Services; Free Online Resources; Monthly Book Discussion, Free Online Classes through Universal Class; Passes: Echo Aquarium and the Clark Art Institute; Interlibrary Loans; Free 24/7 Wi-Fi (Winhall Hotspot, no password required); Virtual Events; Hoopla Digital Media Service

Don't have a library card with us? Call or email to sign up today! Our librarian Dawn Santos is happy to walk you through the process! Visit our website, Facebook Page, or Instagram to view our newest materials! Not sure what you would like to take out?

Dawn is always happy to help you find your next favorite read.

Librarian

Dawn Santos



Please like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram & Twitter!

www.winhallmemoriallibrary.org

Since the Pandemic...

- **Actual lending of physical materials only halted from 3/14/20-5/19/20**
- In March: Created a COVID-19 Resource Page on our website. Shared access to free digital resources available from the Vermont Department of Libraries on our resources tab on the website.
- Utilized social media as well as the monthly newsletters to share vital information and resources for the community and our patrons. (Food Banks, Mental Health, Testing, etc.)
- Continued our monthly book discussions with a Virtual Discussion in April & May, in person outdoors, social distanced June forward (Well attended, at least 10 at each in person meeting). Will continue virtually throughout the Fall and Winter 20/21
- **Initiated Outdoor Pick-up Services 5/19/20**
- Distributed summer reading materials to local children, which included reading logs, free books, and goodies
- Distributed the 2020 Vermont Reads books ("The Hate U Give" by Angie Thomas)
- **Installed StoryWalks in the park next door to the library 7/13/20-8/7/20 (Outside Your Window), 9/24/20-11/25/20 (Vote for Our Future!) (New title to come Spring 2021)**
- Dawn and all trustees completed the required VOSHA training for workplace guidance during the pandemic.
- Offered free 24/7 Wi-Fi around the perimeter of the building, the password was posted on our door, in all social media, website, and shared password and information with the VT Dept of Public Service to publish on their map of public Wi-Fi.
- Hosted Virtual events: Vermont Institute of Science, Dance with Ashley, Literary Power of Comics with local resident and co-Ceo of Archie Comics Nancy Silberkleit
- **5/19/20-12/1/20 we purchased 183 new books, signed up 41 new patrons, and have loaned out/circulated 975 items through our outdoor pickup service**
- We have offered printing services for outdoor pick-up
- We have added Hoopla Digital as a resource for our patrons (*What is Hoopla? Hoopla is a groundbreaking digital media service offered by your local public library that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet, or phone – and even your TV!*)
- **Since October 2020, the library is now offering patrons the ability to Interlibrary loan books that the library does not own. This is due to our ongoing automation process (inventory is 90% complete, automation to begin this Winter) and a 50% grant from the Vermont Department of Libraries funding of the library being a part of the Courier system.**
- Applied and received a Grant from the Department of Public Service for a Wi-Fi Hotspot (No password required) to better serve the community (installed 11/18/20).



Winhall Memorial Library
Proposed Budget
July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

<u>Income</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Summer Social/Donations/Book Sales/Fundraisers	\$4,000
Ford Trust	\$1,000
Town of Stratton	\$2,500
Town of Winhall	\$25,000
Grants	\$2,500
Interest (checking)	\$2
Total Income	\$35,002
<u>Expenses</u>	
Summer Social/Fundraiser	\$0
Utilities (Green Mt. Power)	\$800
Books, Audio CD's, etc.	\$6,500
Library supplies	\$1,500
Postage/mailbox rental	\$250
Librarian (salary & taxes) @ 20hrs/week	\$23,500
Computer support, supplies, etc.	\$500
Accounting services (tax return)	\$50
Rent (prepaid through 2023 @ \$1/year)	\$0
Insurance (including Workers' Comp.)	\$1,250
Community/Children's Classes	\$500
Miscellaneous	\$152
Total Expenses	\$35,002
Net Profit/Loss	\$0
<u>Other Expenses/Improvements</u>	
Reserve withdrawal	
Budget +/-	\$0
<u>Cash/Trust Account Balances</u>	
Citizens Bank checking balance 06/30/20	\$19,857

**Women's Freedom Center's
Statement of Services
And
Report to the Town of Stratton**

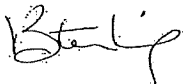
The mission of the Women's Freedom Center is to work to end physical, sexual and emotional violence against the women and children of Windham County. The Freedom Center works to fulfill its mission by educating the community regarding the root causes of violence against women, challenging the systems that help keep it in place and by providing support and services, including shelter and safe housing, to women and their children who have experienced domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence. Since our beginnings in 1977, we have provided support to the survivors of these crimes, as well as consultation and educational activities to a wide range of community groups to help create a community in which violence is not tolerated.

Emergency support such as shelter, safety planning, financial assistance, and information and referral is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Ongoing individual and group support for women and children; legal, medical, housing and social services advocacy; and cooperative work with other agencies are provided during the week. Due to the rural nature of Windham County and the isolation inherent in many abusive relationships, we are committed to meeting with women wherever we may do so safely. Sometimes this means assisting her to get to us and other times it means us going to her, somewhere safe in her community.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the Women's Freedom Center responded to over 1,900 crisis telephone calls, sheltered 125 people and provided thousands of hours of individual and group support, advocacy, emergency financial and housing assistance, access to legal representation, transportation and childcare to **1,163 people** (711 women, 34 men, and 418 children) who had been abused. In addition, we provided 24 community outreach activities including school presentations and workshops to over 650 people throughout Windham and southern Windsor County.

The Women's Freedom Center is a private, non-profit organization relying heavily on community support to provide our free and confidential services. We thank you for your Town's contribution to the Freedom Center and hope you will look at it as an investment in creating a future free from violence, something we all deserve.

Regards,



Vickie Sterling
Executive Director
Women's Freedom Center

TOWN OF STRATTON

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Town Garage Email: garage@townofstrattonvt.com

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Selectmen: 2nd & 4th Monday of the month – 7:30 PM – Town Office

Planning Commission: Warned as necessary - Town Office

School Board: 1st Tuesday of the month – 6:00 PM – Town Office

Volunteer Fire Co.: 2nd Thursday of the month – 6:30 PM
Meetings are held at the Fire House – 5 Brazers Way

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Town Garage Refuse/Recycling Hours: Tues., Thurs., Sun. 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Recreation Area Hours : Lighting available as needed

Animal Control Officer: Pat Salo 802-297-1032 Cell: 802-688-4020

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

FIRE & RESCUE 911
KEENE MUTUAL AID: 603-352-1291

**Town of Stratton
9 West Jamaica Rd.
Stratton, VT 05360**

**Dog Licenses are now due
Before April 1, 2021**

(Please ensure that the Rabies Vaccination Certificate is current)

Please bring this report with you to Town Meeting